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OUTSPOKEN LIBERALS.

SCATHING CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 18.

At a meeting of Liberal M.P.'s at the National Liberal Club, Mr. Asquith said there had been no overtures whatever by the Liberals with the leaders of either parties. He intended to preserve that freedom completely. The Liberals controlled the situation, and the days of the present Government were numbered. The Government's record was one of impotence. They had reduced the country to a cipher in the councils of the world. He would not move a finger to connive in a prolongation of their disastrous stewardship. Mr. Lloyd George said he completely agreed with Mr. Asquith's policy.

TANGIER CONVENTION DRAWN UP.

REGARDED AS BRITISH DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH.

Paris, December 18.

A convention settling the international status of Tangier has been signed by Britain, France and Spain at the Quai D'Orsay this afternoon. The Spanish delegates only signed *ad referendum*, and the protocol will remain open for some time to enable the Spanish Government to study and test the convention before final signature.

London, December 18.

The signing of the Tangier Convention is regarded as a triumph for British diplomacy, ending a decade of wrangling. The convention opens a fine opportunity for British trade at the port of Tangier, which will be modernised. The capitulations disappear, and British residents will be answerable to a British court alone. It is hoped compromises will be effected to obviate friction between the conflicting authorities—French, British, Spanish and Italian.

London, December 18.

The Tangier Convention provides for permanent neutrality, fortifying all fortifications, and places the port under an international regime giving economic equality to all nations.

BRITAIN AND AFGHANISTAN.

PARIS MESSAGE CONTRADICTED.

London, December 18.

Reuter learns that a large, well-equipped Afghan army has left Kabul and arrived at Jalalabad, in the neighbourhood of which the murders of British subjects are hiding. The British military authorities are taking all the necessary steps to co-operate with the Afghans.

London, December 18.

The alleged statements by the Afghan Minister in Paris are officially declared in London to be entirely baseless. The Minister is known to be somewhat unfriendly towards Britain. Apart from the murders of British subjects, there have been other grounds for complaint with regard to the attitude of the Afghan Government, owing to its continual interference with the tribes on the British side of the frontier; consequently by virtue of the Anglo-Afghan treaty it has been found necessary to prevent the passage of arms and munitions to Afghanistan until a satisfactory settlement has been reached.

TRADE SUBSIDY FORECASTED.

MALAYAN TIN COMPANY'S APPLICATION.

London, December 18.

The *Industrial Daily News* learns on good authority that it is expected the Treasury will shortly approve of the application of the Malayan Tin Dredging Company Limited, for a guarantee. It is stated that the company propose to carry out extensive developments, including the erection of an electrical power station, the electrifying of the existing plant, and the construction of a powerful new electrical dredge. If the negotiations with the Trade Facilities Advisory Committee be successful, the whole of the contracts will be immediately placed with British engineers.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST GREEK KING.

DETHRONEMENT BEING CONSIDERED.

Athens, December 18.

Prior to the Cabinet's communication to the King the Republicans organised an anti-dynastic meeting, the demonstrators including soldiers and sailors. A speech by a Naval ex-commander was received with cries of "Down with the King." The demonstrators went in procession to the Premier's office, shouting similar words, and submitted a resolution in favour of the King's dethronement. Thereupon the military and political leaders conferred, and informed the demonstrators that the Cabinet would consider the resolution.

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES.

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT REPORTED.

London, December 18.

It is understood that all question of railway trouble has been removed by the award of the Railway Wages Board, signed to-day, which does not contemplate any serious reduction of wages. All the members endorsed the report of the companies' representatives abandoning the larger demands in view of the recent rise in the cost of living, while it is believed the men's unions are prepared to agree to the abolition of certain anomalies which the companies consider are productive of wasteful working and overlapping.

NOT WITHOUT SOME SIGNIFICANCE.

London, December 18.

Speculation has been evoked by a brief visit of Sir John Bradbury to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Lissieu-moore to-day. It is believed to have some bearing on Sir John Bradbury's endeavour to secure representative men to assist in the settlement of European problems.

Later.

Sir John Bradbury, interviewed, explained he had consulted Mr. MacDonald, also other leaders of parties, regarding suitable men for membership of the reparations enquiry committees.

THE TRANS-POLAR FLIGHT.

Christiania, December 18.

Captain Amundsen states that agreements have been concluded enabling him to carry out the proposed polar flight from Spitzbergen to Alaska. An expedition with at least three machines will go northward as early as possible, flying between May and August.

BRUTAL MURDER.

COOLIE FOREMAN THROWN OVER BRIDGE.

A brutal murder was committed at the junction of Conduit and Hutton Roads yesterday, the victim being Tang Yau, aged 27, a coolie foreman living at 91 First Street West Point.

It is stated that earlier in the day the deceased caught several coolies in the act of cutting down branches of trees on the new road above the junction of Conduit and Hutton Roads and admonished them. The men, who are believed to be employed by the road contractor, resented the interference, and in the afternoon, with the help of several others, they stopped the foreman in a secluded spot, dragged him to a bamboo bridge and pitched him over the railing into a deep cutting. The foreman must have died almost instantly from the fall, which was from a considerable height.

No far, no arrests have been made.

MISSING AUSTRALIAN.

NOT SEEN SINCE FRIDAY.

A foreigner is reported to have been missing from the Hongkong Hotel since Friday, the 14th. inst. The man is believed to be an Australian and his name is Wilfred Arlington Pittie Wilkinson, 35 years of age. The police describe him as being "clean shaven with fair hair, and very smart in appearance." He was last seen at the Hongkong Club on Friday night, wearing a dress suit.

We understand Mr. Wilkinson has lived at the Hongkong Hotel since October. The police have searched the shipping passengers' lists for the last few days also made enquiries at the Passport Office, but so far have found no clue.

EUROPEAN LADY'S SUICIDE.

ON FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.

(Our Correspondent.)

Shanghai, December 19.

Peking reports state that messages received from Hainan by Mrs. Rupert Hughes, who was en route on the steamer Angkor for Saigon, intending to proceed to Europe, has committed suicide. No details are given.

Mrs. Hughes arrived in Peking in the autumn, seemingly intending to remain for the winter, renting the celebrated Drum Tower House as a residence. She behaved strangely, and her physical condition was known to be abnormal. Whilst under treatment in hospital, she suddenly departed for Shanghai, whence she sailed on the Angkor on December 7th. Messrs. Thos. Cooks arranging a stop-over at Saigon, where she intended to transfer to the steamer Chambord. It is reported that she was severely ill aboard the ship, suffering veritally also through the loss of art objects.

PEKING PARLIAMENT FIGHT.

PHOTO OF INJURED SPEAKER.

Peking, December 18.—In the House of Representatives, after the free fight between opposition factions, Wu Ching-lian, the Speaker, called the Procurator's two doctors to examine his injuries, after which he induced his followers to take note of the nomination of Sun Pao-chi as Premier. This proved abortive, upwards of a hundred only voting, the abstainers including the Opposition and those remaining neutral. The ballot box was not opened.

On the arrival of the Procurator's doctors, photos were taken of Wu's injuries, Wu standing, with a bleeding face, on the floor of the House. These will be used as evidence at the forthcoming legal proceedings, which Wu announced will shortly be taken. —Reuter.

GREEK CRISIS.



King George.

who, on account of the crisis in Greece, has left for Rumania.



Queen Elizabeth.

who is accompanying the King. She is a daughter of the Rumanian King.



Admiral Coundouriotis.

who has been appointed Regent of Greece.

BIG FIRE NEAR MACAO.

27 BODIES RECOVERED.

News reaches us to-day from our Macao correspondent of a disastrous fire which broke out in a firecracker factory at Taipa, an island opposite the Praya Grande on Sunday night.

The fire raged all night until the following morning, when it burnt itself out.

It is feared that the loss of life is very heavy. So far, 27 charred bodies have been removed from the ruins, whilst many more of the workers are missing.

Fourteen injured people have been sent to hospital.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

CHANGE IN UPON.

The match between the Police and South China, fixed for Saturday, having been postponed, it is necessary to make a change in our Football Competition coupon. In place of this game, the match between H.M.S. Hawkins and the Club has been inserted in the coupon to-day. Particular attention is drawn to this change.

Competitors who have already collected coupons from our issue of Monday and Tuesday can, on presenting them at this office, get them exchanged for an equivalent number of the new coupons.

WHOSE MAST?

SHIP FROM JAVA REPORTS WRECKAGE.

The ss. Taikoo Wan Yi, from Java, reports passing, on December 15th, in Lat. 15.13 north Long. 119.46 east, some submerged wreckage, with a mast, painted a grey colour, showing some ten feet above the water. The wreckage is stated to be a danger to navigation.

STILL HARD UP.

CANTON'S SEARCH FOR FUNDS.

Canton is still hard up for funds. In connection with the proposed Opium Monopoly, the Government wants the monopolists to pay a big sum in advance, but the tenderers only agree to paying the revenue daily. As a consequence, the question of letting out the monopoly has not yet been settled.

The Finance Department has sent out a number of officials to the districts of Pun Yue, Sun Tak, Tung Kwan, Sun, Hui and Heungshan to compel the field-owners to have their title deeds renewed at a fee of \$5 each, and also to pay all taxes due within a limited time. Failing compliance, it is stated that the owners will be arrested.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE TRUTHFUL LIAR."

Possessing originality, high dramatic values and a decided punch, "The Truthful Liar," starring Wanda Hawley in a Realart picture, had a successful showing at the World Theatre yesterday. The story is one of unusual dramatic strength and deals with the troubles of a husband and wife whose tastes run in divergent channels, and which provokes a dramatic situation of exceptional force and interest. There is a mystery twist to the theme which will exert a strong appeal on all picture-goers. Miss Wanda Hawley is excellent as the wife, and Edward Hepp as the husband. The support is excellent.

TO-DAY.

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Barometer 2 p.m. 30.09
Temperature 2 p.m. 67
Humidity 2 p.m. 60
Lighting Up-Time 5.43 p.m.

NEWS IN THE ADS.

The Fancy Dress Ball in aid of the M.C.L. takes place at the City Hall to-morrow night.

Mackintosh & Co., Ltd. will remain open until 6 p.m. on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th. inst. and until 5 p.m. on the 22nd.

Whiteaway's will remain open until 6 p.m. on the 22nd. inst.

TO-DAY'S SPECIAL CABLES.

(United Press Service to the "Telegraph").

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

NO REASON FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

Washington, December 18.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, replying to M. Tchibelezhin, has declared that there is apparently no reason at present for negotiations between the United States and Russia.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

A SECRET MESSAGE DELIVERED.

Washington, December 18.

Ramon Ross, a Mexican secret representative, delivered a secret message at the Mexican Legation here and then apparently disappeared.

(Reuter's American Service.)

RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

NO BARTERING OF PRINCIPLES.

Washington, December 18.

Mr. Hughes has indirectly informed the Russian Government that there seems at present no reason for negotiations, as suggested in M. Chicherin's message mentioned yesterday. He added that the American Government is not proposing to barter away its principles. Moscow should, as evidence of good faith, restore the confiscated American property, or make compensation, and repeal the decree repudiating Russia's obligations towards America. The Government cannot enter into negotiations until the propaganda to overthrow the institutions of the United States be abandoned.

MEXICAN TIDE TURNING.

FEDERAL TROOPS GAIN SUCCESSES.

Mexico City, December 18.

The War Department announces that the revolutionaries have evacuated Puebla, and the Federal forces have occupied Almaz and Lucu Gonzalez.

El Paso, December 18.

It is officially announced that the Federal forces have taken San Marcos, capturing an immense amount of ammunition and small arms and a number of guns. Several trains are steadily advancing on the rebels' seaport stronghold.

(Reuter's Service.)

AN EMPIRE FELLOWSHIP.

PRINCE OF WALES BECOMES PRESIDENT.

London, December 18.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the presidency of a fellowship formed in connection with the Empire Exhibition with a view to recruiting enthusiasts all over the Empire to assist Empire trade and industry, instituting prizes designed to further Imperial education, also scholarships of a thousand sterling each for settlement of young Britons overseas and the education of young Dominion students in Britain. Mr. Baldwin has sent a message wishing the fellowship success.

COUNTY CRICKET SCORING.

RULES FOR NEXT SEASON.

London, December 18.

The Marylebone C.C. has passed a resolution that the scoring in the county championship shall be five points for a win in a completed match. Should a match be uncompleted the side leading on the first innings shall get three points, and their opponents one. In the event of a tie the points shall be divided. Matches in which no result in the first innings is attained will not be included in the table of results.

(Other Telegrams on Page 4.)

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THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The following is a list of the
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of their prizes from Mr. J. M.
Alves, office, 1-A Chater Road, be-
fore noon on Saturday, 22nd De-
cember).

Kids' Raffles.

1st Prize, Ticket No. 0277.
2nd Prize, Ticket No. 0423.
3rd Prize, Ticket No. 0310.
4th Prize, Ticket No. 0395.
5th Prize, Ticket No. 0070.
6th Prize, Ticket No. 0029.
7th Prize, Ticket No. 0714.
8th Prize, Ticket No. 0765.
9th Prize, Ticket No. 0766.Mrs. Emile Danabery's Raffle.
Sold at Dressed Xmas Tree
Stalls.1st Prize, (No. 70) Mr. A. A.
Alves, 2nd (146) G. N. Silva, 3rd
(31) H. A. Rodgers, 4th (132) H.
K.

Gremio Social Doll Raffles.

1st—No. 19 G. B. Mitchell.

2nd—No. 62 Billmorin.

Shooting Gallery.

Raffle of a Horse, a Tea set, and

a Doll.

First Prize, (No. 108) Mr. G.

Rapp.

Second Prize, (No. 7) Mr. H.

Cheuk.

Third Prize, (No. 34) Mr. A. F.

Silva-Netto.

American Lottery.

1st Drawing:—1. Mrs. Danabery;

2. Dondon; 3. Daniel Rom-

rio; 4. J. J. Remedios; 5. Dalin

Remedios; 6. Padre T. Pun.

2nd Drawing:—1. Mrs. F. Y.

Borelho; 2. M. S. Borelho; 3. E.

A. da Silva; 4. K. Wong; 5. Saucy

Souza; 6. E. A. Nzecha.

3rd Drawing:—1. Dr. Aloysius

Moy; 2. An Hoi; 3. Mr. A. Ramis;

4. Smith; 5. Alice He; 6. P. W.

Gallardo.

4th Drawing:—1. E. Andow; 2.

Miss A. B. Lee; 3. Sunny Castro;

4. E. Danabery; 5. Antonio

Rocha; 6. P. Silva.

5th Drawing:—1. Chinese

Bazaar; 2. Alibazat; 3. Mrs. Hiko;

4. Mrs. Alves; 5. L. K. L. Sang;

6. Mrs. Isaac.

6th Drawing:—1. I. M. Costa;

2. A. Gutierrez; 3. E. M. Sequera;

4. C. Gutierrez; 5. E. M. R. da

Souza; 6. Joe Nzecha.

7th Drawing:—1. Azemia Os-

mond; 2. Alda Silva; 3. E. Andow;

4. L. G. Ribeiro; 5. L. K. Sang;

6. Phillis Cassart.

8th Drawing:—1. C. T. Chai; 2.

Hilda Silva; 3. Paulina Vieira;

4. Alex Azevedo; 5. Wm. Young; 6.

Toto Ozorio.

9th Drawing:—1. Gustavo Os-

mond; 2. Choy Gutierrez; 3. A.

Alves; 4. J. Barrosa; 5. G. A.

Pinna; 6. Aurea Beneito.

10th Drawing:—1. F. J.

Tavares; 2. Padre Gonzalez; 3.

C. Gutierrez; 4. Mrs. Sai; 5.

Antonio and Antonio; 6. Alvares.

11th Drawing:—1. Nora Bar-

dona; 2. V. F. Soares; 3. Tai Hin

Saw; 4. Francis da Rocha; 5.

Gloria Azevedo; 6. S. A. Ramalho.

12th Drawing:—1. V. Yee;

2. J. J. Fonseca; 3. J. C.

Barrett; 4. Molly; 5. E. J.

Figueroa; 6. Hal Chou.

13th Drawing:—1. E. A. R.

ibeiro; 2. K. Dixon; 3. J. K. Ward;

4. Mr. Barrosa; 5. G. M. Shaw; 6.

L. G. Hoespach.

14th Drawing:—1. E. Antonio;

2. Mrs. Wang (University); 3. A.

R. Tavares; 4. N. Henry Fui; 5.

J. E. Evangelist; Hongkong

Hotel; 6. J. Dalin.

15th Drawing:—1. A. R.

Tavares; 2. A. Tsu Hing; 3. H.

Silva; 4. H. Silva; 5. Makashima;

6. G. A. Carvalho.

16th Drawing:—1. An Yau; 2.

G. E. Lary; 3. Mrs. Grant; 4. H. S.

REUTER'S CHIEF.

ENTERTAINED IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.—Sir Roderick
Jones this morning had an
audience with the Prince Regent,
who interestedly enquired as
to various matters. Sir Roderick
was the guest of Prince Tokugawa,
Baron Ijuin, the British Society,
the Press Associations and others
during the week-end. He was also
the guest at Nikko of Count
Kubayama, president of the
Directorate of Kokusai.—Reuter.

PEKING PARLIAMENT.

SPEAKER INJURED IN A

FREE FIGHT.

Peking, Dec. 18.—The Lower House
met this afternoon at three o'clock
under the Presidency of Wu Ching-
lian, nearly three hundred members
being present. Wu's supporters
proposed a departure from the
Agenda, which called for a vote on
the nomination of Sun Pao-chi, in
order to discuss the Gold Fringe Issue
but this course was opposed by the
anti-Wuists. Hot words led to blows
and a free fight between the two
factions ensued on the floor of the
house. Wu Ching-lian was injured
in the face. He gave orders for
the police to be called in and had
the ringleader, Huang Yi, arrested
after which order was restored.—
Reuter.FORTHCOMING
WEDDINGS.The following forthcoming mar-
riages are announced: Mr. Douglas
Reid, a sub-assistant of the
Chartered Bank, to Miss Catherine
Jean Lawson, on route from
Scotland per the Fushimi Maru;
Mr. Charles Henri Jacques
Mozieres, cashier of the Kowloon
Hotel, to Miss Marie Louise
Mousson, on route from France by
the S. S. Kashmir; Mr. J. M.
d'Almeida Remedios, attache of
5 Liberty Avenue, Kowloon, to
Miss Alda Maria Basto, of Green
Court, Homantin; Mr. James
Henry Andrews, a missionary of
the Protestant Missionary Station,
Yunnan, to Miss Jessie Burgess,
also a missionary of the same
Station.

Hall; 5. J. A. Young; 6. J. Pome-

roy.

17th Drawing:—1. W. A. Wim-

bles; 2. Shi; 3. Mary Antonio; 4.

Eddie Souza; 5. F. Young; 6. Mr.

Wimble.

18th Drawing:—1. J. J. Basto;

2. Mrs. Wang (University); 3. E.

L. Mattes; 4. H. S. Curtis; 5. B.

M. Billmorin; 6. Mrs. Hollidge.

19th Drawing:—1. Lam Kam

Hing; 2. P. Langer; 3. Sim Piao

Hock; 4. A. E. Salter; 5. M. Moz-

zieres; 6. Mrs. Alderman.

20th Drawing:—1. Bro. Michael

Maryknoll; 2. M. Silva; 3. Miss

Weill; 4. Mrs. E. M. Raymond; 5.

V. C. Rocha; 6. Baker (China

Suzara).

21st Drawing:—1. W. Hall; 2.

Lau Wai Kin; 3. J. Bride (China

Suzara); 4. F. K. Modi; 5. Geo.

White; 6. Geo. White.

22nd Drawing:—1. W. Hall; 2.

Elsa Danabery; 3. Cita Xavier;

4. Ho Cheuk; 5. C. J. Askew; 6.

Reidmof.

23rd Drawing:—1. Dr. To; 2.

Angelo Ribeiro; 3. L. Costa; 4. P.

V. Botelho; 5. W. Hall; 6. P. A.

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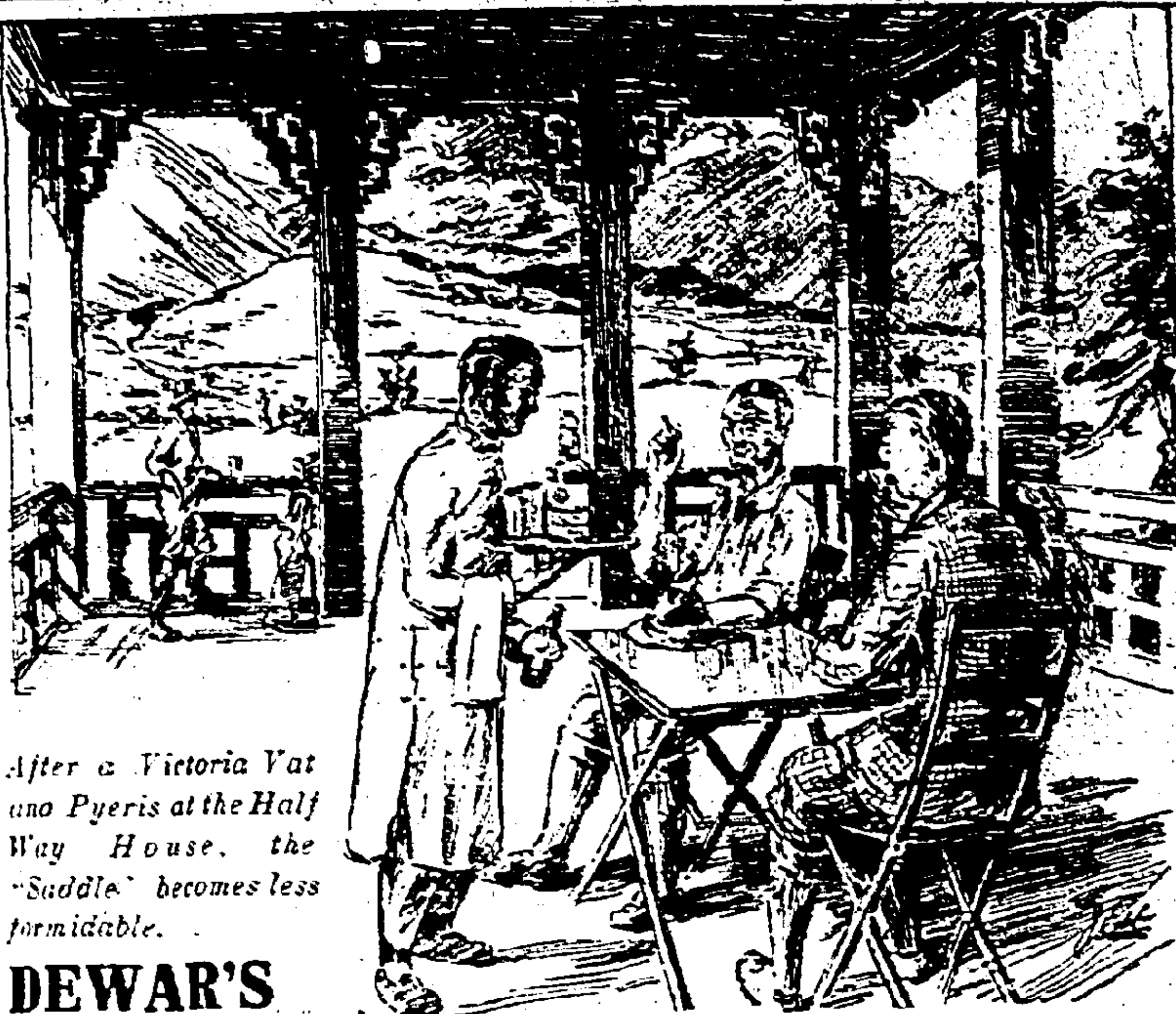
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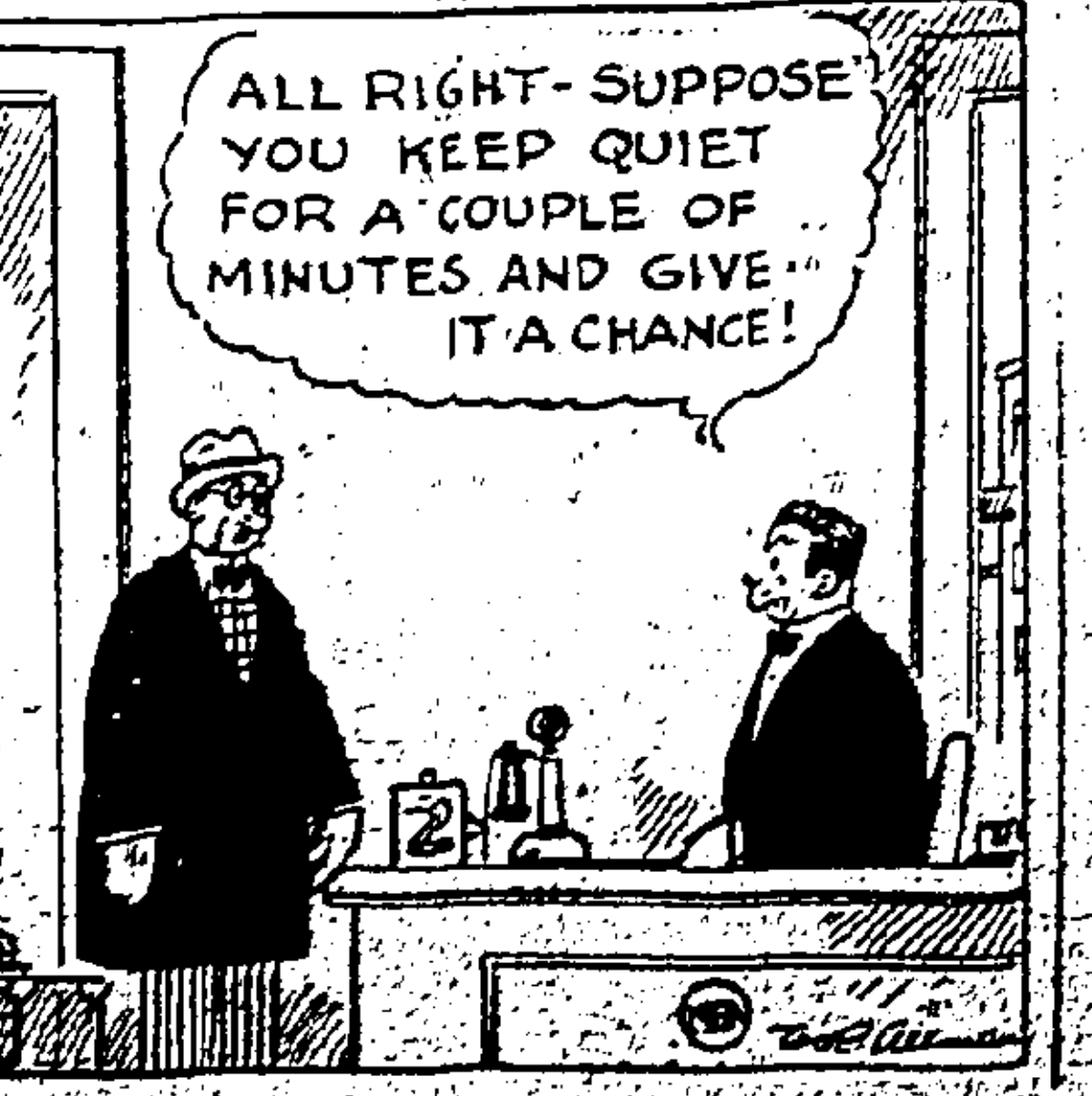
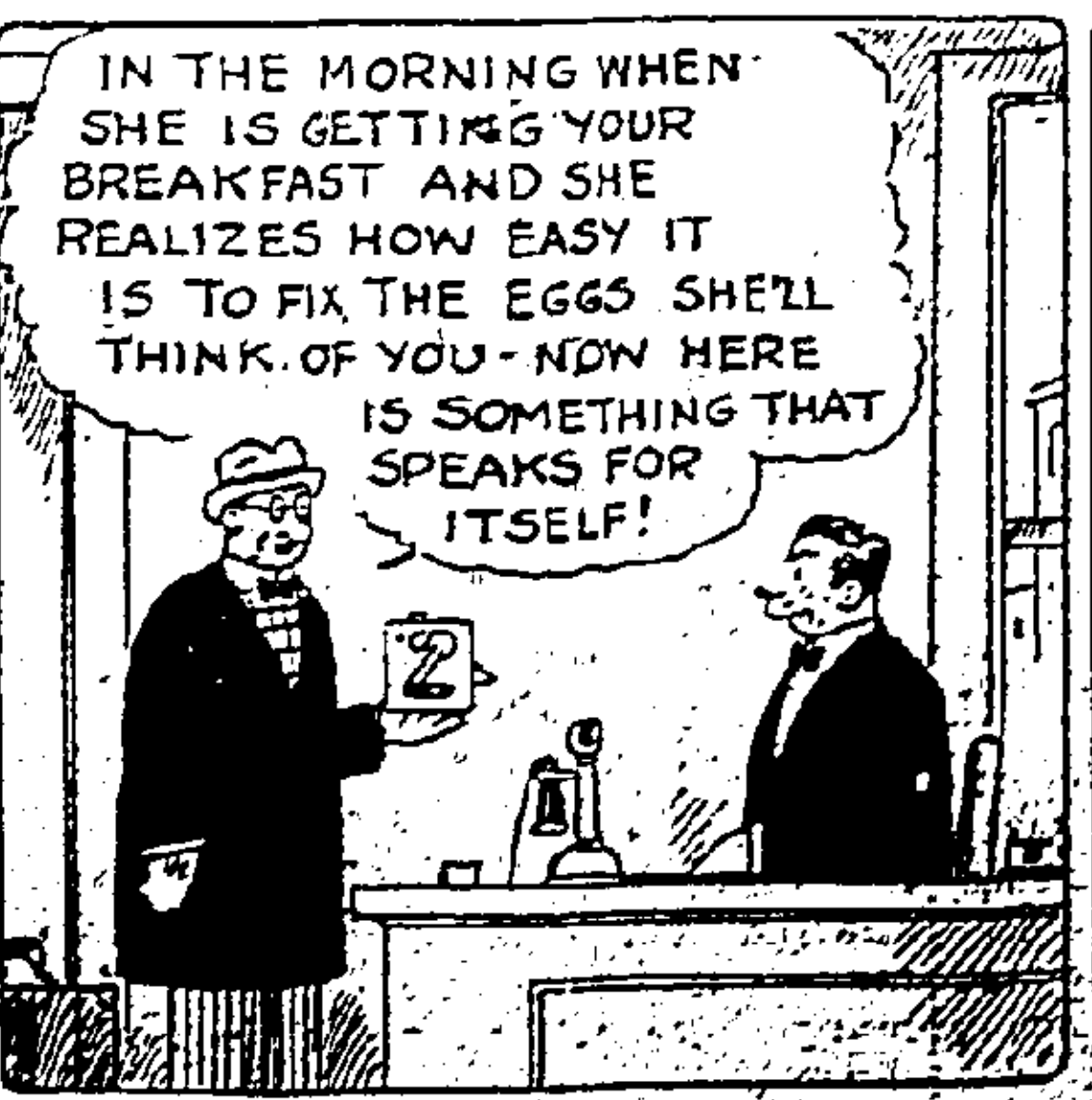
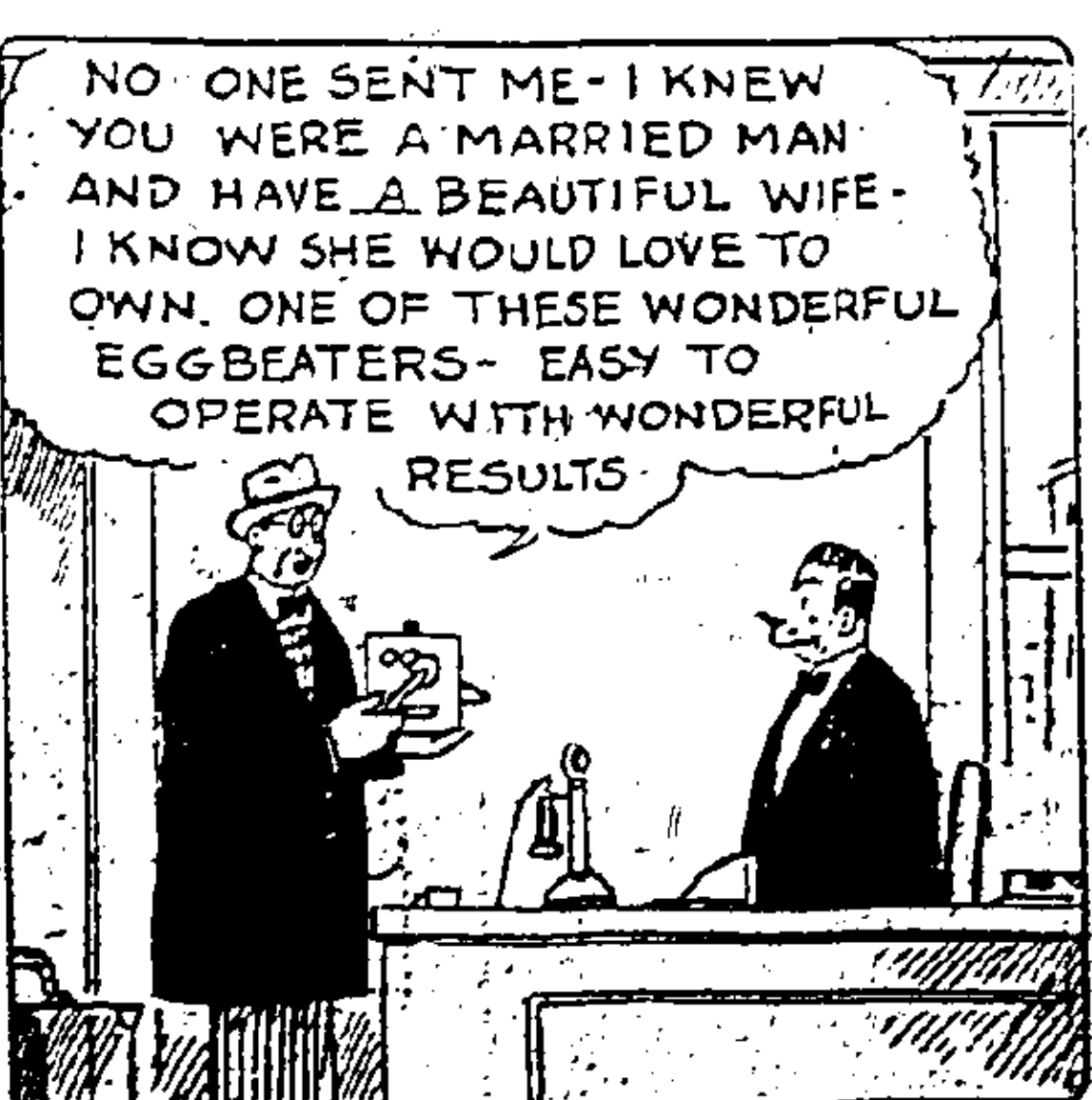
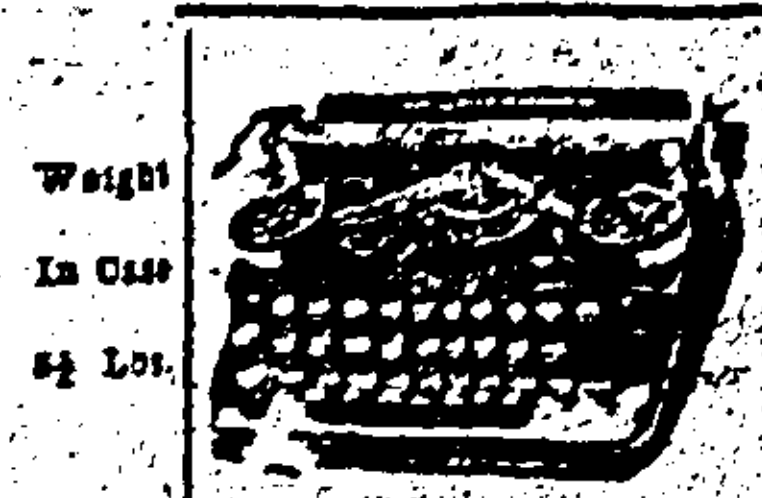
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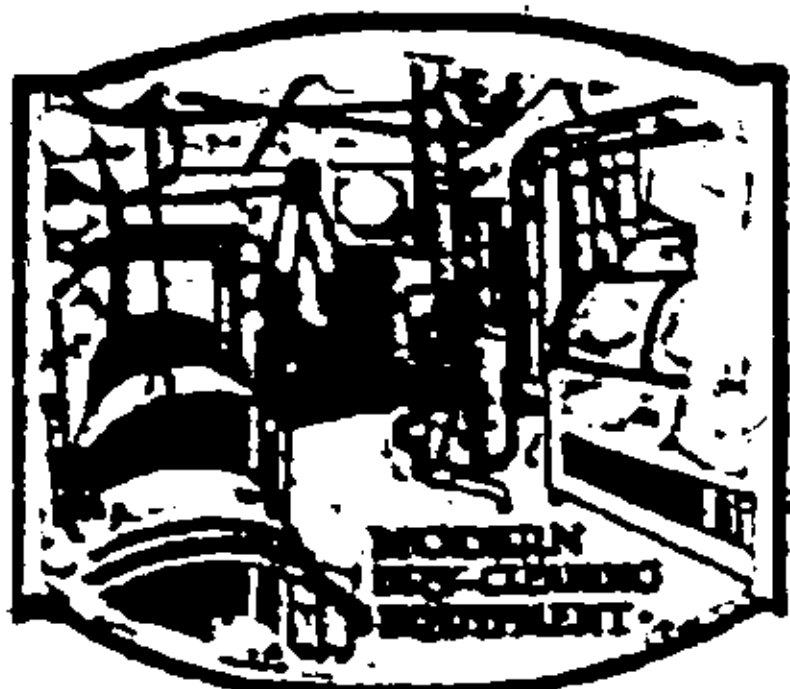
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EARLIER SPECIAL CABLES

BILL TO SUSPEND IMMIGRATION.

[United Press Service to the "Telegraph".]

Washington, Dec. 18.

A Bill has been introduced in Congress suspending all immigration until 1929. Thereafter it may be resumed on the basis of 25,000 resident nationals. Another Bill provides for the removal of Ellis Island station to Governor Island, and the erection of new buildings to cost five million dollars.

(Reuter's Service.)

AFGHANISTAN SITUATION.

London, Dec. 18.

A grave situation has arisen on the Afghan border owing to the Afghan Government not yet complying with the repeated demands of the Indian Government for the surrender of the murderers of British subjects. The Afghan police attempts to arrest culprits have been unsuccessful owing to the hostility of the population among whom Bolshevik emissaries are spreading anti-European propaganda. In view of the situation the families of European diplomats at Kabul have been escorted to Peshawar. The Government of India is confident that the Amir will consent to hand over the murderers but in the meanwhile it is taking such steps as seem advisable. The Afghan Minister in Paris is credited by the Matra as expressing strong anti-British sentiments, alleging that Britain is desirous to annex Afghanistan, and declaring that if the country is invaded the Afghans will defend themselves to the last man. Moreover they have friends in Turkey and Russia, he says.—Reuter.

A SOVIET SPLIT.

Riga, Dec. 18.

A message from Moscow states that the Communist Party's new programme, which was proclaimed on 5th December, involving extensive freedom of speech among the rank and file of the Communists has caused serious discord among the Party leaders. M. Kamenov on the 11th inst. was forced to defend himself against the attacks of M. Sapronov, M. Preobrazhensky, M. Smirnov and others who accused the Party's central committee of arrogating to themselves too much authority and not considering the wishes of the rank and file. M. Kamenov, replying, approached, M. Radak for supporting the malcontents and warned members against converting the new reform into a mere struggle for power. The Soviet official press states that the situation is most grave. The only salvation consists in the Party preserving complete unity while it is accomplishing its present reforms.—Reuter.

IRISH FREE STATE.

New York, Dec. 18.

Justice Wagner of the Supreme Court has signed the order making effective its recent decision requiring Messrs. De Valera, Stack and Barton to testify against the Free State in the Free State's suit to improve money from local banks deposited in the name of the Irish Republic. The order directs that if De Valera and others are interfered with for the purpose of preventing them from testifying the injunction against the withdrawal of the funds will be dissolved and the Free State will be forever barred from pressing its suit. The order stipulates that De Valera and others must testify before the American Consul General in Ireland between the 10th January and 23rd February next.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH CIVIL SERVANTS.

Paris, Dec. 18.

Altogether 77 arrests have been made in connection with the demonstration of civil servants on the 7th. Six were detained charged with assaulting the police.

M. Delasteyrie, Minister of Finance, is opposed to a uniform increase of the cost of living bonus to civil servants to 1,800 francs as asked by the civil servants and will make the matter a question of confidence in the Chamber to-day.—Reuter.

THE GREEK EMBROGLIO.

Athens, Dec. 18.

The Government has informed the King that it would be advisable that he leave Greece until the National Assembly decides what regime is best befitting the country. The King replies to-day.—Reuter.

Athens, Dec. 18.

The King and Queen are leaving for Rumania to-night. Admiral Coundouriotis will be appointed regent.—Reuter.

THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 18.

A fierce battle was fought yesterday between the Federal troops and the rebels for the possession of Apizaco and Tlaxcala. Up to the present there are no details. Rebel reinforcements are being sent from here. Fighting took place also at San Marcos where the Obregonists are attacking the rebels.—Reuter's American Service.

ROCKEFELLER DONATION TO EDINBURGH.

London, Dec. 18.

The Rockefeller trustees in New York have donated fifty thousand dollars to Edinburgh University to erect a clinical laboratory to complete the endowment for a professorship of surgery.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

London, Dec. 18.

The death is announced for Sir Henry Kimber.—Reuter.
[Sir Henry Kimber was Conservative member for Wandsworth from 1885 to 1913; Vice-Chairman of the Capital and Counties Bank; Chairman of the South Indian Railway Co., and founder or reconstructor of several colonial and other undertakings. He was born July 13, 1824. He was a great traveller.]

Berne, Dec. 18.

The death is announced of Jonkheer Van Panhuys, the Netherlands Minister to Switzerland.—Reuter.

THE RUHR.

Berlin, Dec. 18.

It is semi-officially stated that the French reply to Von Hoesch's statement is of such a nature as to justify the German Government in making detailed proposals as regards the restoration of the German administration in the occupied territories and the resumption of traffic with unoccupied Germany.—Reuter.

U. S. PRESIDENCY.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.

Mr. McAdoo, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, has definitely announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.—Reuter's American Service.

OPEN EXHIBITION ON ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

London, Dec. 18.

Reuter understands that the date for the opening of the Empire Exhibition has been fixed for April 25, St. George's Day.—Reuter.

NAVY AND THE BANK.

EARTHQUAKE SERVICES RECOGNISED.

Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., his staff and some of the ship's company of H.M.S. Hawkins attended the weekly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday afternoon and were presented by the Bank with a silver cup in the form of an ancient Chinese incense burner in recognition of the inestimable services rendered by them to the Bank in Yokohama after the earthquake. The memento bore the following inscription: "Presented by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to His Majesty's Flagship Hawkins in remembrance of services rendered to the Bank in Yokohama, September, 1923, by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company."

The Bank's Thanks.

In making the presentation, Mr. A. O. Lang, the Chairman of the Directors, said:

Your Excellency, it is a great pleasure to have you with us this afternoon and in view of the special circumstances which prompted the invitation we feel greatly honoured by your presence. We have asked you to come here to-day, Sir, in order that we might express our profound thanks for the gallant and invaluable services rendered by your Excellency, the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of H.M. Flagship Hawkins, to the Bank at Yokohama, and the staff attached thereto, during the dark days following immediately upon the terrible earthquake which wrought such devastation in Japan early in September.

Wright, the Manager at Yokohama, has written in eulogistic terms of the assistance rendered from the Navy, without which it would have been impossible to manage the affairs of the Bank in Japan so expeditiously as has been the case. The help rendered is further proof that the traditions of the Senior Service are being worthily maintained and evidence of the interest taken by the Navy in the commerce of the Empire. We appreciate, Sir, all you have done since your arrival on the Station in an endeavour to protect and advance British trade in these parts, and we sincerely trust these efforts will meet with success. I now ask your Excellency to accept on behalf of H.M. Flagship this replica in silver of an ancient Chinese incense burner as a memento from the Bank of the assistance rendered by the Hawkins during these terrible days in Yokohama to which I have referred.

The Admiral's Reply.

Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, accepting the cup, replied as follows: In accepting on behalf of the Flagship this extraordinarily handsome present, I can only say that the Navy is always ready to do its duty, and, in this instance, in the face of such an appalling disaster, every one of the nations that could rushed to help, and that the help, such as it was, so appreciated by the Court of Directors of the Bank, is a source of very great pleasure to us. I may say that our work at Yokohama was most unpleasant in the midst of such death and destruction, but the most unpleasant—in fact I might almost call it a holiday to the torpedo department—was blowing in by gun-rotation the door at the Bank safe. I must congratulate the Bank on the strength and efficiency of their strong room. It resisted all our efforts till we resorted to gun-cotton, and then, I am glad to note, as you all know, we found the inside unharmed. The Bank leads the mercantile world, and I am sure this is an instance in which it proved it by having the best safe. In all other cases damage by fire, or actually baking the inside, was the result. I turn to this very handsome gift. We appreciate the very kind thought of giving it and we appreciate the fact that it is the handsomest and most unique trophy that has ever been given to any of H.M. Ships. Again, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Flagship, I thank the whole Court of Directors for their most handsome present.

CHRISTMAS CANARIES.

A consignment of 450 canaries, valued at £1 each for the American Christmas trade, was put aboard the White Star liner Cedric, which left Liverpool for New York recently.

May your Christmas be made happy by the Music of the VICTROLA.
S. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.
Sole Agents.



"About 12 o'clock I found him reclining over his tea, which he drank very heartily. I suppose no person ever enjoyed tea more richly than the situation of that fragrant leaf than Johnson."

James Boswell.

The great Dr. Johnson, who was known to drink thirty or forty cups at a sitting, would have appreciated Brooke Bond tea.

Choice selections from the Indian tea crop, blended for you by experts—that is what you get if you insist on having Brooke Bond tea. And you get it in perfect condition, because the Brooke Bond vacuum tin preserves it as fresh and fragrant as the day it was packed.

There is no tea and no tin quite so good.



Ask for
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It costs no more than ordinary tea.

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The inner lid of the tin must not be broken. If broken the contents may not be Brooke Bond tea.

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It only takes a few minutes to wash your silk blouse, your silk stockings, underwear or anything dainty and "special"—if you use LUX.

The thin, white, silky Lux flakes, which are made by our own exclusive process, dissolve instantly into a bubbling lather that is as harmless as pure water itself. The lather gently squeezed through the fine fabrics quickly loosens the dirt and a few rinsings make the garments beautifully clean.

Lux stands unrivalled for washing silk and other fine garments.

Lux is sold only in sealed packets—dust-proof!

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AUSTRALIAN Firm desires local Company of good standing to take up agency for milk and general foodstuffs. Agency for cigarettes open also. Write P. O. Box 378.

WANTED.

WANTED AT ONCE—A house on the Peak. Please reply giving particulars and terms to Box No. 1035 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph".

TO BE LET.

TO LET—High-class RESIDENCES (East View Buildings), opposite "Sai Fui Terrace," Nathan Road, Kowloon three-roomed flats, well ventilated, with bath, water closet, kitchen and servants quarters. For particulars apply to Mr. Lai Chak, No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

TO LET—Six-roomed house on the Peak, March till November 1924, fully furnished, three bathrooms, flush system, hot and cold water etc. Apply Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

TO LET—Flats with bath-rooms, kitchens, & servants quarters, 5, Peace Avenue, Homantin, immediate occupation. Apply within or Box No. 1021 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph".

TO LET—Bright Large Office Rooms 1st floor, No. 10, Des Vaux Road, Central, Hall, Law & Co., Apply to Des Vaux Road, Central, Telephone No. 3217.

TO LET—37, Robinson Road, European house with 4 rooms, bath-rooms and servants quarters. Rent moderate. Apply to Comptroller Department, Shewan Tomes & Co.

MR. DADDY: You can't buy a better XMAS GIFT than a Wireless Receiving Set for your little Boy Scout. Prices from \$25.00 up, including aerial equipment. Enquire Box 1039 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph".

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—"THE TOWERS" 20 BROADWOOD ROAD. Five bedrooms, with bathrooms, all modern conveniences. Reception rooms, smoking room etc. garden and Tennis court. Apply Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

M. C. L.

FANCY DRESS BALL.

City Hall

THURSDAY, 20th. December at 9.30 p.m.

Tickets \$4 each from

Anderson Music Co., Ltd.

Hongkong Hotel.

Moutrie & Co., Ltd.,

and at the door.

Evening Dress may be worn on payment of \$1 extra at door.

NOTICE.

ON and after January 1st, 1924, the Agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, will be transferred to Messrs. Melchers & Co. Queen's Bldg. Hongkong.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO. (sgd) RAY E. GUNN, Manager.

On and after January 1st, 1924, the undersigned will handle the Agency of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

(sgd) MELCHERS & CO. Hongkong, 14th. Dec. 1923.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Messrs. J. ULLMANN & Co.

34, QUEEN'S ROAD.

are removing shortly to PRINCE'S BUILDING to continue wholesale business

CONSEQUENTLY

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will be allowed on all goods, except diamonds.

Terms: Cash only.

AN OPPORTUNITY YOU MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN.

Gold wrist watches 14 kt. From \$ 7.—
Gold pocket hunting watches " 30.—
Metal pocket watches " 1.—
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White gold 16 jewels watches " 50.—
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XMAS SHOPPING.

OUR Store will remain open until 6 o'clock p.m. on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th, inst., and 5 o'clock p.m. on Sat., the 22nd, inst.

MACKINTOSH & CO. LTD.

Alexandra Building,

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MASSAGE HALL

MRS. S. UZUNOYE, Expert Masseuse, 67 Queen's Road Central 2nd. Floor

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at the Club on Friday the 21st. of December, 1923 at 2.30 p.m.

R. C. WITCHELL.

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th. Dec. 1923.

NOTICE.

MR. W. A. Stephens has been appointed Manager of the Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company's business in Shanghai and North China and takes up his new duties from January 1st. next.

Mr. H. C. Shrubsole succeeds Mr. Stephens as Manager for Hongkong and South China. Hongkong 15th. Dec. 1923.

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We have just landed a small stock of essential parts, which we are passing on to the amateurs

REASONABLY! FOR INSTANCE:

15 and 17-plate Variable Condensers with knobs... \$ 7.50 each.
VARIABLE GRID-LEAKS AND GRID CONDENSERS... \$ 3.75 each.
UNIVERSAL PLUGS... \$ 2.50 each.
SINGLE or DOUBLE JACKS... \$ 2.00 each.
2000-ohm PHONES, BUILT FOR THIS HUMID CLIMATE... \$ 11.50 per pair.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

A. CARPI presents

The Italian Grand Opera Co. For two nights only

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"CARMEN"

THURS., Dec. 20th at 9.15
"MADAM BUTTERFLY"

Plans now Open at
ANDERSON'S
Prices \$3.00 and \$2.00.

NOTICE.

I HARNAM SINGH of The Yuen Restaurant Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong Registered Money Lender, hereby state that if any one claims to have in their possession any Promissory Note, I. O. U. or other document signed by me or stamped with my thumb or finger print marks they should send in their claims in respect of the same within 7 days of the date hereof. Dated this 18th. day of December, 1923. HARNAM SINGH.

FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES.

Lammert Bros.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Thursday, the 20th. Dec. 1923, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Fine Selection of Toys Comprising—Dolls, tea-sets, motor cars, foot-balls, rocking horses, stockings, furniture sets, and various other toys.

also Xmas Crackers On View from Wednesday the 19th. December 1923. Terms—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Sat., the 22nd. Dec. 1923, commencing at NOON at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Choice Lot of Liqueurs, etc., comprising—

Lemon Peel Gin, Orange Curacao, Creme de Menthe, Anisette, Kummel, Moscatel, etc., etc.

and A Selection of Dutch Cigars (in good condition) also

A Quantity of High Class Provisions (to be sold in suitable lots)

Terms—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

G. & M.

NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1923, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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DO NOT MISS—ROCHA'S POPULAR AUCTION SALES Every Tuesday Thursday & Saturday At 2.30 p.m.

Specialist is the Valuation of Household and Office Furniture DA ROCHA'S MART 2A, D'Aguilar St. Phone 2931

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AUCTIONEERS

AND GENERAL BROKERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, for Account of G. Matsunuma (successor to Nihko), on THURSDAY & FRIDAY, the 20th and 21st. December, 1923, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Large Consignment of High Class Japanese Ware from Messrs. O. Komai and S. Koshida of Kyoto. Comprising:—

Damascene, Satsuma, Cloisonne, Bronze, China, Silk Kimonos, Embroidered Pictures, Embroidered Screens, Embroidered Tapestry, and Gold Lacquered Ware.

All lots guaranteed genuine and in first class condition. Packing for China Ware done free on application.

Goods on view on Wednesday, 19th December, 1923.

Terms—Cash on delivery. Hongkong, 15th. Dec. 1923.

on SATURDAY, the 22nd. December, 1923, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Quantity of Valuable Jewellery.

Comprising:—Diamond Pendants, Bracelets, Rings, Earrings, Bar Pins, Gold Watches, Chains, Ladies' Handbags, Brooches, Jade Pendants and Earrings, etc., etc.

Also Italian Statuettes, Table Ware, Electric Marble Lamps, &c. &c. &c.

Inspection solicited.

Terms—Cash on delivery. Hongkong, 18th. Dec. 1923.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

G. & M.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H.M.'s Victualling Store Officer to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 22nd. December, 1923, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

37 CASES RAISINS of 56 lbs. each—2072 lbs.

Terms—Cash on Delivery. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 18th. Dec. 1923.

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Last Show To-day

WANDA HAWLEY

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"The TRUTHFUL LIAR"

A young, newly-married society girl caught in a raid on a famous gambling resort. And a clever black-mailer was on the job!

See what happened next in this intensely appealing drama of Broadway high and low life, and the impetuous, heavy who wanted to taste both

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IT PAYS YOU TO SHOP HERE.

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The Pharmacy.
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Dealers in all kinds of Silk goods of the best quality.
Mandarin Costumes, Antique China and Curios, Etc., Etc.

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The opportunity occupies 25 days only.

15th. December, 1923 to — 8th. January, 1924.

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COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS

DEALERS IN

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EMBROIDERIES, OLD MANDARIN COATS,
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LARGE CONSIGNMENT JUST UNPACKED.
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"**TAI LEE CHAN.**"

— ESTD. 1884 —

METAL GOODS and HARDWARE.

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RELIABILITY.

A PIANO WITH GOOD TONE WHICH WILL
WITHSTAND THE HARDEST USAGE

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MORRISON PIANO

THEY CAN BE SAFELY RELIED ON BECAUSE
THEY ARE BUILT TO STAND
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In Handsome Cut Glass Bottles.

Suitable for
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Presents.

We have received this Shipment
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From

\$1.30 to \$3.00
per bottle.

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This opportunity will occur

Once only

General Commercial Co.

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**THE COWIE HARBOUR
COAL CO., LTD.**

SILIMPOPON COAL

THE undersigned are prepared
to quote prices for best
quality freshly mined Silimpopon
Coal, trimmed into Bunkers at
Sebatik or Sandakan (British
North Borneo), and to contract
for regular Supplies of cargo
lots at favourable rates.

Steamers calling at Sebatik
or Sandakan exclusively for
Bunkers are exempt from pay-
ment of ordinary Port Charges.
The minimum draft of water
alongside the Company's Wharf
at Sebatik is 26 feet at low water
Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie
Bay (Sebatik Harbour) and any
required information concerning
the Port may be had on
application to

GJBE, LIVINGSTON &
CO., LTD.
Agents.

The Cowie Harbour Coal Co., Ltd.

WE have just received a
special shipment of—

LADIES & GENTLEMEN

SIGNET RINGS

Also—

SLAVE BANGLES

All solid gold, English Hall-
marked.

Inspection Invited.

69, Queen's Road Central.

SHERIFF BROS.

NOTICE

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IDEAL
CHRISTMAS
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THE NEW
COLUMBIA
PORTABLE
GRAFONOLA

with patent tone control
leaves by which you can
have loud tone, medium
tone or soft tone.

CARRIES TEN INCH RECORDS

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RADIO—MAGNAVOX Loud
Speakers and Amplifiers.
Batteries, Insulators,
Crystals, Aerial Wires,
and all other parts.

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Tel. No. Central 1264.

NOTICE

THE KOWLOON LAND AND
BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of The Kowloon
Land and Building Company,
Limited, will be held at the Re-
gistered Office of the Company,
No. 5 Queen's Road, Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, at noon on
the 18th. day of December, 1923,
when the sub-joined resolu-
tion will be proposed as an Ex-
traordinary Resolution that is to
say—

That the Company be wound
up voluntarily.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO
HEREBY GIVEN that a further
Extraordinary General Meeting
of the Company will be held at
the same time and place on the
4th. day of January, 1924, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of
the proceedings at the above
mentioned meeting and of con-
firming if thought fit as a Special
Resolution the above mentioned
Resolution.

A further Resolution will be
proposed at the second meeting
for the appointment of a Liquidator
or Liquidators for the pur-
poses of such winding up and
fixing his or their remuneration.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Acting Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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WOMEN SAILORS.**An Extending Movement.**

Women are serving to-day in
nearly every branch of the
merchant service writes L. G.
Green in a Home paper.

The most unlikely profession
in the world now seems to open
to them. The time when only
positions as stewardesses were
available has certainly gone.

Quite recently a woman skip-
per took her own motor cargo
boat down the Thames to the
Isle of Wight. Several large
foreign ocean-going freighters
are commanded by women.

Possibly the most remarkable
instance of a woman at sea is
that of the woman engineer, Miss
V. A. Drummond, who stood her
watch in dungarees in the en-
gine-room of a Liverpool liner.

Several Norwegian girls are
serving as wireless operators in
the ships of their own country—
and, indeed, this is among the
most suitable jobs afloat for them.

On deck, able-bodied "seawo-
men" would find the task no more
exacting than work in a factory
ashore. A novelist recently sailed
halfway round the world in a tiny
yacht with his sister as mate—
and wrote enthusiastically about
her proficiency.

Little ships seem to have
provided most jobs for women up
to now. Scores of Thames barges
carry the skipper's wife, a person
who is up to any emergency, and
as good as most men in the matter
of steering, cooking, and washing.

Generally speaking, life at sea
nowadays is not the grim profes-
sion of hardship that it was when
ill-found wind-jammers beat their
weary way round the Horn.

There are plenty of women air-
pilots, and if the female brain is
quick enough to carry out that
task successfully, it can navigate
a ship with ease, even in time of
danger. Night watches will trou-
ble the female sailor no more
than they do the hospital nurse.

In one branch of work in liner
and tramp alike the woman will
be welcomed, and that is the
galley. Her arrival will
synchronise with the departure
of the notorious "grubstoppers"
of the sea. Board of Trade
regulations will take on a new
flavour under tender feminine
care.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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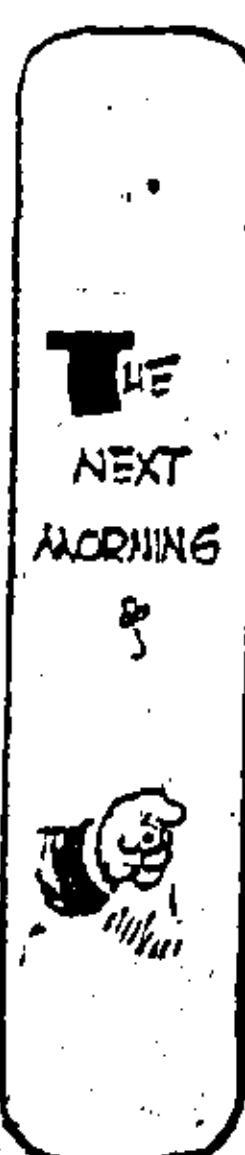
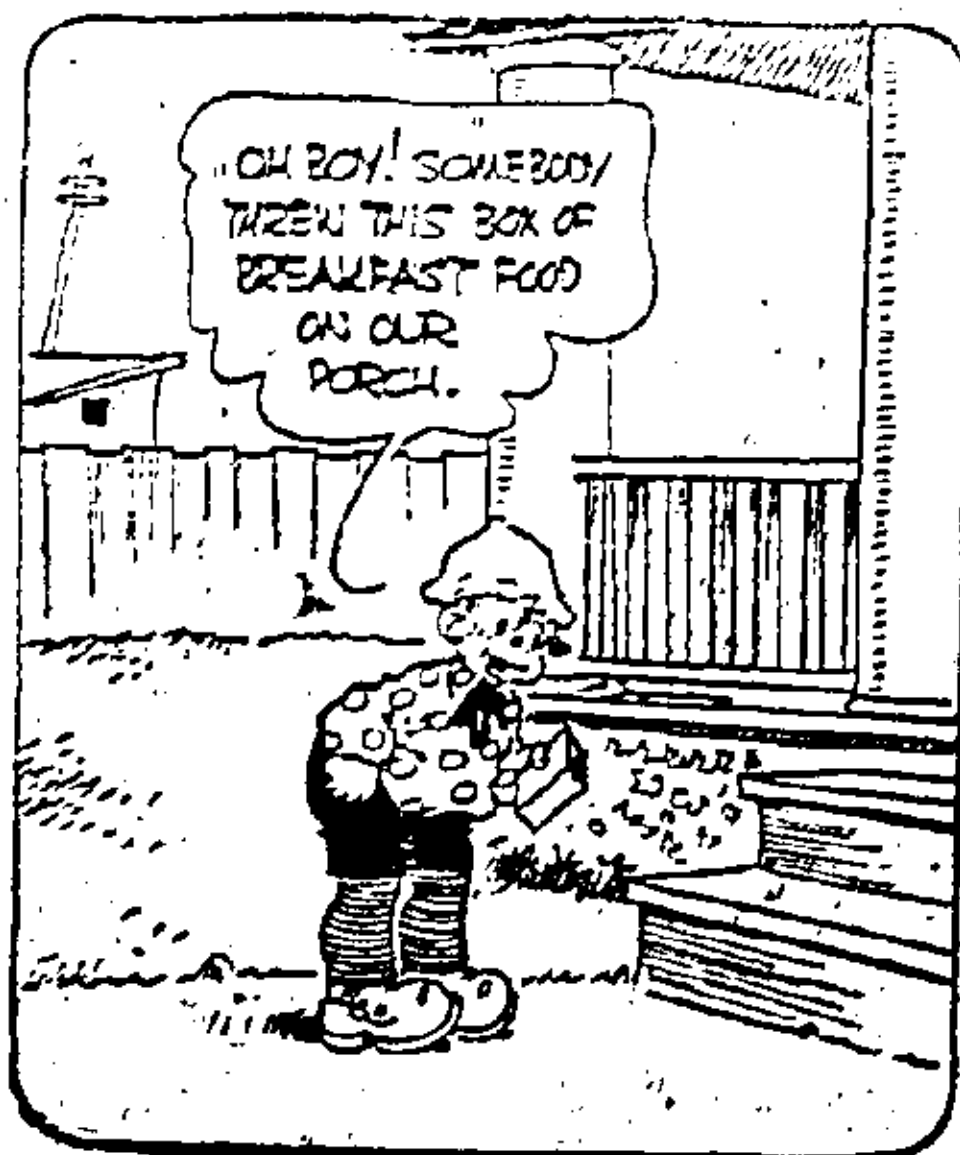
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MARRIAGE.

KINNAIRD, McMILLAN.—
At Union Church, Kennedy Road,
on 19th inst., by the Rev.
J. K. Macdonald, John Daniel
Fleming, Greenock, to Annabel-
la Jamieson, youngest daughter
of the late James McMILLAN,
Greenock.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 19th Dec., 1923.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

How long will the so-called
Peking Government continue to
function? According to a North-
ern commentator, it may manage
to carry on until just before the
Chinese New Year, when a crisis
is apprehended which, it is cal-
culated, will involve its downfall.
Of the questions which will be
particularly prominent when this
crisis is reached, and even before,
are those of military pay, the
arrears due to Government em-
ployees, the paying of many who
have been dismissed under the
retrenchment scheme, as well as
other arrears, which have still to
be made good. The copper note
crisis is also aggravating the
situation, whilst over and above
all these matters is the discover-
ing of ways and means for meet-
ing the monthly administrative
expenses as they fall due. All
these issues are of much concern
to the Government, which, like
that in Canton, scarcely knows
which way to turn in order to
secure funds. It is the same cry
North and South—the need of
more money.

When we begin to think of
the absolutely undeveloped re-
sources of this vast country
and then turn our minds to the
present situation, we cannot, as
well-wishers of China and the
Chinese, but feel profoundly
sorry at the gloomy outlook
which confronts the nation at
the moment. The possibilities
are in such vivid contrast to the
actualities. From the purely
political standpoint, and also
from the viewpoint of Govern-
ment finances, China stands to-
day a bankrupt country. The
causes are too well known to
require emphasis. The fact is
deplorable. Notwithstanding the
reprehensible manner of his
election, it was hoped in some
quarters that President Tsao
Kun might be able to put the
country on its feet. So far, he
has miserably failed. Like so
many of his predecessors, he has
been a tool in the hands of the
militarists.

Even a military dictator who
worked for the real well-being of
the country would be better than
men of the type who have in re-
cent years been jockeyed into
the Presidential chair. But no
man with sufficient strength of
character or singleness of pur-
pose has yet come forward.
China sadly needs a Mussolini.
Military cliques hold sway both
in the North and the South, each
seeking to further its own in-
terests, though professing a desire
to "save the nation." It would
be far more to the benefit of the
country to be saved from the
schemings of such as these.
Political leaders with high
patriotic motives are few and far
between in China. And at the
moment we can see little pros-
pect of the facts being other-
wise.

Old Notions Going.

A Chinese gentleman who
teaches Mandarin Chinese at
Columbia University declares that
it is easier to learn to speak and
read than some of the European
languages, and takes no longer to
master than German, French or
Spanish. Possibly he is quite
right, and it means another fetish
going by the board. Probably
mankind will find during the
next few generations that many
more of his inherited notions are
wrong. Hitherto the idea of
Chinese as a very difficult lan-
guage has held sway in the minds
of all Westerners, yet there are
some acquiring one or other of
the dialects every day. A scien-
tist recently proved that a red
rag had no more effect on a bull
than a white one. It looks as if
a familiar English phrase will
have to go, with other anachro-
nisms. The explorer Stefans-
son claims that the Far North
has a climate at least as good
as that further south in Northern
Canada, Scandinavia, or part of
Russia and Siberia. He writes
enchantingly of the dry, bracing
winters and beautiful summers,
when flowers bloom profusely,
and butterflies and even mos-
quitoes make themselves notice-
able. He says we have inherited
our belief that the Arctic has a
terrible climate from the an-
cients, who had never visited
those regions, and from former
explorers posing as heroes.
Medical men are now talking
seriously of future white settle-
ment of parts of the Tropics.
It seems as if mankind is still
labouring under various fond
superstitions of his great grand-
fathers.

Afghan Enmity.

The cable received to-day
about the situation in Afghanistan
are decidedly conflicting, in one
case we learn that a well-equipped
army of Afghans have reached
the Indian frontier for the
purpose, presumably, of co-
operating with the British forces
in hunting for a small gang of
murderers, whilst on the other
hand it is admitted that Britain
has reason to complain about the
Afghan Government's attitude
on the border. The allegation, made
in an earlier message, that the
British authorities aim at the
annexation of Afghanistan, is too
absurd for intelligent persons to
believe, and can be traced to the
Bolshevist source responsible for
all the recent unrest near the
North-West frontier. What
Britain wants to see is a strictly
neutral Afghanistan, instead of a
neighbour apparently swayed by
intrigue and covertly hostile. It
is evident, from the news now
coming over the wires, that an
anti-British faction are holding
power across the border. It
were better, anyhow, to have
these schemers openly at enmity
with us, so that the necessary
measures can be taken to counter
their intrigues, than to have false
promises of friendship and remain
uncertain whether they are con-
templating a sudden stab in the
back. The story of "from Herat
to Kabul" and of Lord Roberts of
Kandahar should not be forgotten.

CRICKET.

The K.C.C. 1st XI is to meet
the R.G.A. in a League match at
Kowloon on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.
The home team will be—Messrs.
J. P. Robinson (capt.), A. W.
Ramsay, S. Jex, R. Pestonji, W.
Hyde, L. A. R. Duncan, R. E.
Lindell, J. C. Fletcher, L. E.
Lammert, J. Fraser, and F. W.
Howell.

DAY BY DAY.

NEVER LET A MAN IMAGINE
THAT HE CAN PURSUE A GOOD
END BY EVIL MEANS, WITHOUT
SINKING AGAINST HIS OWN SOUL.
THE EVIL EFFECT ON HIMSELF IS
CERTAIN.—*Southey.*

"The Armchair Critic's"
cricket notes will appear to-
morrow.

The Legislative Council meets
to-morrow, when seven Bills are
down for second reading.

From Messrs. Lane, Crawford,
Ltd., we have received a number
of very useful desk calendars.

The Bogey Pool Competition,
played at Fanning on 15th, 16th
and 17th inst. was won by Mr.
B. D. Evans, all square.

There were eleven further
cases of small-pox (all Chinese)
notified yesterday, as well as one
Portuguese case of diphtheria.

The Italian Opera Company
commences its short season at
the Theatre Royal this evening,
when "Carmen" will be produced.
We are asked to request patrons
to be in their seats promptly by
9.15 p.m.

A report from Sheklung states
that the Cantonese troops which
were blockaded at Chingho have
managed to fight their way out
and have retreated to Shektan.
General Chan's forces are pro-
ceeding to attack Tsangsing.

From Mr. E. Ralphs (in charge
of the St. John Ambulance
Brigade in the Colony) we learn
that members of the Brigade
have during the present cam-
paign vaccinated 10,908 persons.
Vaccination is still going on.

In connection with the Quarry
Bay branch of the Hongkong
Women's Guild and Ministering
Children's League, ticket No. 54
won the first prize in the Doll
Raffle. Will Mrs. Stephens apply
for prize to Mrs. K. E. Greig,
c/o Taikoo Dockyard.—*Advt.*

The Philippine Carnival As-
sociation has issued an interest-
ing handbook relating to the
forthcoming Carnival and Com-
mercial and Industrial Fair,
which takes place from the 16th
to 24th February next. Besides
giving much information relating
to the Carnival, it contains data
of the principal exports and im-
ports, together with a list of
trade organisations and agencies
in the islands.

Amongst the passengers who
arrived by the Empress of Asia
this morning were Lady Leveson,
Miss P. Leveson, Mr. and Mrs.
R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. R.
Marsh, Mrs. A. G. Stephen, Mrs.
H. S. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. A.
Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Apar, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Buck-
borough, Mr. W. L. Patten, Mr.
D. E. Donnelly, Mr. J. D.
Humphreys, Mr. D. S. Neilson,
Mr. I. Zeleny and Mr. A. F. B.
Silva-Netto.

The man and woman who
were tried at the Criminal
Sessions for possession of a for-
ger's plant at Yau-mat were yester-
day found guilty by the jury.
The Puisne Judge sentenced the
man to five years' hard labour on
the first two charges, the sen-
tences to run consecutively, as
well as another five years on a
third charge, this to run concur-
rently with the first two. The
woman was sentenced to one
year's hard labour on two charges.

This is from the *Canton
Gazette*—Messrs. Shawan, Tomes
& Co. Shamen, received a letter
from a blackmailer demanding a
"loan" of one thousand dollars,
Hongkong currency. The black-
mailer signed himself as Kwai
Yi-wa, commander of Hop Yi
Tong, and threatened the man-
ager of the firm that he would be
commandeered if the loan should
not be advanced within three
days. The Shawan Tomes man-
ager has delivered the letter to
the U. S. Consul at Shamen,
according to the *Kwok Wa Po*.

IMAGINED GOLF DIFFICULTIES.
The truth is golf is a self
hypnotic. People hypnotise them-
selves with the imagined difficul-
ties. They create their troubles
for themselves. When they begin
the game they are overawed by
its difficulty. The real difficulty
is that they are afraid of making
fools of themselves by missing a
small ball with a big club. Ex.

THE CUSTOMS DISPUTE.

MEETING OF DR. SUN'S OFFICIALS.

OUTSPOKEN NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Matters have not come to a
head in connection with the
Canton Customs dispute, although
much interest is being centred on
what will transpire to-day, when
Dr. Sun Yat-sen's "ultimatum"
expires.

An important meeting took
place at Dr. Sun's headquarters
at the Cement Works on Monday,
being attended by all the high
civil and military officials. The
Customs surplus question and the
presence of foreign warships in
the river were discussed. The
meeting lasted three hours, but it
is not known what decisions were
reached.

DIPLOMATIC BODY'S REPLY.

The *Canton Gazette* says:—
With respect to the case of the
Customs Surplus on which Mr. C.
C. Wu, Secretary for Foreign
Affairs, has made representations
to the Diplomatic Body in Peking,
the Southern Government's view-
point is that after paying foreign
charges what is left is the
Customs Surplus. No considera-
tion can be taken of any claim or
claims of internal loans or other
uses. Foreign nations are only
concerned with the security for
their debts so that after these
charges are paid, the Surplus is
purely a Chinese matter in which
they have no voice or control.

The reply of the Diplomatic
Body to the Southern Govern-
ment, received on the 14th
instant, concurs in this view-
point and clearly recognises it.
Thus the Customs Surplus re-
mains a matter of internal
administration and the foreign
Powers cannot interfere with it.
This is the first indication of
the attitude of the Diplomatic
Body on the Customs Surplus.
It is clear that the Diplomatic
Body recognises the fact that the
matter of Customs Surplus is
purely a question of China's
internal administration. This is
a point gained in the Customs
matter and should facilitate the
measures the Government may
take in the future. The Govern-
ment will have to deal not with
the foreign Governments but
with the Customs officials who,
as the whole world knows,
are the servants of the Chinese
Government.

KUOMINTANG MEMBERS ACTIVE.

The Canton Kuomintang mem-
bers held a meeting yesterday
afternoon (says the *Canton Gazette*
of Tuesday) to discuss the
Customs Surplus question, at the
Canton Red Cross Society Build-
ing. Several delegates were ap-
pointed to call on the authorities
urging them to keep a firm stand
on the question.

The Wang Yan Publicity Club
gave several public lectures in
Sai-kuo-yuan. The lecturers
pointed out the importance of the
Customs question and urged the
public to assist the government in
its strife for the return of the
Southern share of the Surplus.

LABOUR SUPPORT.

Many telegrams have been re-
ceived by the authorities from
public organizations elsewhere
with regard to the Customs
Surplus question, says the same
journal. The M.P.s in Shanghai
telegraph to Dr. Sun stating that
they will send a manifesto to the
Diplomatic Corps in Peking
regarding the question of the
Customs Surplus.

The Citizens' Diplomatic
Society of Shanghai has sent a
telegram to the local authorities
requesting them not to give in in
the strife for the return of the
proper share of the Surplus to
the Canton Government. Tele-
grams to the same effect have also
been received from labour orga-
nizations in Fatsan, Taihuang,
Heungsham, Chan-chuen, and
Sun-wai.

THE FOREIGN WARSHIPS.

In the course of a leading
article, the *Canton Gazette*
states:—

The presence in Canton of 6
American, 5 British, 2 Japanese,
2 French, and one Portuguese war-
ships, representatives of 5 foreign
Powers, making a total 16 ships,
may well cause the peaceful in-
habitants of Canton to inquire
what they are here for? Shamen
is certainly not a training station
for the cadets and yet these
bluejackets were holding military
drills yesterday. What does this
mean?

Somebody ventures the remark
that this is an answer to the

ST. DUNSTAN'S.

HONGKONG'S INTEREST SOUGHT.

It is hoped there will be a large
attendance at the screening of a
special film at Government
House on Friday, at 5.30 p.m.,
which will illustrate the daily life
of the blinded soldiers and sailors
at St. Dunstan's Home. Mr. W.
E. Cowen, the travelling commis-
sioner for the Home, will speak
and give the Hongkong public a
clear idea of the magnificent work
which this institution is doing.

Mr. Cowen has been working
in the interests of the Home for
the past eight years and he left
the Old Country on his present
tour about a year ago. Since
then he has been all through
South America, South Africa,
British East Africa, India, Ceylon,
the F. M. S. and Straits Settle-
ments, as well as Siam. After
leaving Hongkong, he will visit
various parts of China and then
proceed Home via Vancouver,
making a tour of Canada and
reaching Home in September next
year. His chief work is to
organise committees who will
undertake to do something for St.
Dunstan's at least once a year.

Customs Surplus affair. If
we remember correctly, in
a recent dispatch addressed
by the Department for For-
eign Affairs of the Southern
Government to the Diplomatic
Corps, it was clearly stated that
if a portion of the share of the
Customs Surplus is not given to
the South, then in two weeks'
time the Government would
order the Commissioner of
Customs to cease remitting the
funds collected at the port, to
Peking, so that the Mandarin
and Militarists there may not use
the funds indirectly to intrigue
against Canton and finance
military expeditions against it.
It was further stated that there
was no interference with the
Customs contemplated, nor any
taking over of the administration
of the Customs threatened. It
was a purely Chinese internal
matter. That being so, we are
at a loss to understand the meaning
of this demonstration, and are
entitled to ask the question "what
is this demonstration for?" Right
along the people of Canton have
preserved a very calm attitude
and it is but natural therefore for
them to resent the presence of
these war-ships. The procession
of yesterday may be taken as a
protest from them.

On the other hand it is bound
to be pretty embarrassing to the
foreign Powers themselves, after
sending their armada to Canton,
to find that they have nothing
for them to do except possibly to
make a mighty gesture and then
dwindle down, and under cover
of the darkness of the night dis-
appear from Canton waters
altogether.

Anyone with a casual acquain-
tance of the Southern authorities
knows that if they consider that
they are in the right, 16 war
ships, yea, 160, will not in the
least prevent them from pursuing
their course regardless of what
the consequences may be. It is
only folly to try to bully them.
The days of bullying Chinese
officials, particularly officials of
the South, we fear, are well-nigh
ended.

Those who know the Cantonese
people well will readily attest the
fact that they do not view such a
demonstration with indifference.
The foreign Powers and their
consuls here must be held re-
sponsible for any provocation or
dire consequences due to the
presence of these war-ships. In
the light of the whole affair, the
authorities here are to be con-
gratulated for their calmness
in dealing with an admit-
tedly difficult situation. They
have conducted the negotiations
with the Diplomatic Corps on this
question for months and have
clearly shown a spirit of patience
and esteem throughout. Of this,
there is no doubt.

Somebody then must have got
panicky for we understand that it
is sufficiently pointed out that no
interference with the admini-
stration of the Customs has been
contemplated. . . . Meanwhile
we shall fervently pray that these
Western Leviathans of Destruction
may leave our unfortified,
unprotected, and peaceful City of
the Rams alone. The slaughter,
misery, blood, and hell, such de-
vils inventions have brought to
Europe, have not advanced the
cause of peace, prosperity, and
harmony of Europe one bit, as
every one knows. Surely civilisa-
tion can find a better arbiter, or
also the world's vaunted civilisa-
tion is a hollow gigantic mockery.

\$50,000 RANSOM.**CONSPIRACY CHARGE AT SESSIONS.**

A conspiracy to obtain a ransom for \$50,000 from a pawnbroker for the release of a charge on which two men appeared before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Criminal Sessions, this morning. One of the accused also had to answer a charge of sending a threatening letter. He was defended by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ). The other prisoner was not legally defended.

The jury were Messrs. P. R. Glendinning (foreman), A. C. Franklin, C. B. Matthews, A. E. Murphy, A. A. Almeida, J. L. McPherson and S. S. Church.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, in the course of his opening address for the Crown, said the offences related to the kidnapping of the son of a manager of a pawnshop at Canton, who was also a partner in a firm in Hongkong. The son disappeared on Sept. 25th and the first news of what had happened to him came in a letter to the Canton shop, which was forwarded on to Hongkong. About Oct. 1st, another letter—unsigned—arrived. Apparently there was some miscarriage of letters, and a further communication was received by the father, making an appointment in Yumati. In consequence of this, the father sent two representatives to Yumati, one of them by arrangement carrying a palm leaf fan.

Almost immediately on the arrival of these two representatives at the restaurant at Yumati, Mr. Holmes continued, the first prisoner came in. He sat down at their table, and after some conversation in which the father's name was mentioned, the three men set out for the hillside near King's Park. One of the representatives went with the first accused up the hill and there they met another man. There was some reference to a ransom of \$50,000, and the representative said he would get an answer.

Another meeting place was arranged, Mr. Holmes continued, and on Oct. 16th, two representatives, one of whom was a district watchman, again went carrying a palm leaf fan, to a restaurant at Yumati. Here they met both accused. After discussing the ransom, the accused said they would go to Canton to see if a smaller sum would be accepted. The first accused wrote down a place for the next meeting on a piece of paper, telling the representatives this time to hold two pears in their hands. The watchman then arrested both men.

Mr. Holmes said he was calling evidence to show that between Oct. 6th and Oct. 16th, both men were living together in a cubicle at Yumati. After the arrest, Inspector Appleton visited this cubicle, where he found letters relating to the kidnapping.

When charged, the first accused said the letter (which he was charged with sending) was given him by another man, by whom all the business was done. The second prisoner said the son was captured by another man, who told him that whoever discussed the price of the ransom would be given a tael of raw opium for every \$100. He did this to get the value of the raw opium.

The evidence was being heard as we went to press.

A PUZZLE A DAY.**WIBISEGISOPYEOWPIS?**

If a double letter (like CC or DD) is inserted at six different places in the line shown above, a sentence will be formed. It will tell what a certain man said when he learned one of his friends was opening a drug store.

Monday's answer:

1 Mile in 60 seconds is—60 miles an hour.
1 Mile in 90 seconds is—40 miles an hour.
1 Mile in 120 seconds is—30 miles an hour.

This is a very puzzling problem. The average person will figure that a mile in 90 seconds is 45 miles per hour. They reason that if 90 is half-way between 60 and 120, the rate of speed should be 45, which is half-way between 60 and 30! The correct answer, however, is determined by dividing 90 into 3600 (the number of seconds in an hour), which gives the correct result—40.

THE PHILHARMONIC.**LAST NIGHT'S THEATRE CONCERT.**

For the second year since its resuscitation, the Hongkong Philharmonic Society has given a concert in the Theatre Royal, and Mr. T. P. M. Bevan, who was mainly responsible for putting the Society back on the active list, is to be congratulated on the performance which was given last night. We in Hongkong often complain regarding the lack of local musical entertainment but if the Philharmonic Society keeps up its endeavours we shall, at least, have one local body on whom we can rely for one or more pleasurable nights during the winter season. The Theatre was fully filled last night and it was good to see so much support.

Let it be said right at the outset that Mr. Bevan, who conducted, had trained his somewhat small chorus to a very high standard. He always had them under control and the parts were nicely balanced, though a keen critic would have had room to suggest that there was just a little too much hesitation in some of the attacks. In the main, however, the chorus work was distinctly good, and the members of it can take unto themselves the hearty appreciation of the audience. The Society is unquestionably weak at the moment in its orchestra and we are sure there are many more local instrumentalists who might lend a helping hand. In the absence of a solid bass foundation any orchestra suffers enormously and this is what was wrong last night. It was left entirely to two celli (together with piano and organ) to provide the bass—a provision that could only be attempted and not achieved. There were no wood or brass instruments, neither were there any drums, the resulting orchestra work being thin and lacking body. Those who did comprise the orchestra, however, worked hard and well and the above criticism is offered in the way of a suggestion rather than as a complaint. Perhaps another year will find a larger orchestra and one more worthy of the conductor's efforts.

This concert opened with Frederic Bridge's ballad, "The Inebriate Rock," in which it was clearly demonstrated that the chorus had the advantage. It is a pleasing, tuneful work and was very well rendered. It was followed by "Song of Evening," a setting to music by Rutland Boughton of John Drinkwater's beautiful poem "A little while they lived again, and lo!" The words and music are in solemn strain, and the rendition was marked by sympathy and expression. "Turn back, O man," a part-song based on the melody from the 124th psalm from the Geneva Psalter (arranged by Gustav Holst), was also much enjoyed both on account of its harmony and the manner in which it was given. But perhaps the most enjoyed items of all occurred in the Cycle of Traditional Songs, from "Songs in a Farmhouse" by Frederic Austin, simply because they were more within the capabilities of the Society. The simple chorus "Summer is acoming in" (based on one of the oldest known English musical manuscripts and arranged as a two-part Canon) went with a delightful swing, to be followed by a well-rendered bass solo by Mr. G. H. Piercy, "The Poacher," in which he had the assistance of the chorus. A gem of the evening was the charming chorus "It was a lover and his lass," the audience plainly indicating its preference for this class of work. Mrs. G. A. Clements gave a delightful rendering of the old favourite "Banks of Allan Water" in which the orchestral accompaniment was splendidly subdued. "Drink to me only with thine eyes" was rendered by Mr. H. G. Anniss, three other members of the chorus assisting with diminuendo harmonising. This was also one of the much-enjoyed items of the evening. Mrs. Mathieson gave a faultless rendition of "Early one Morning" and again demonstrated that she is, perhaps, the Colony's most talented contralto. That old favourite "The Ash Grove" was given by the chorus (unaccompanied), and the first half of the programme was brought to a close by Mr. G. H. Piercy giving "John Peel" with chorus assistance.

Part II opened with a part-song "Let all mortal flesh keep Silence," the tune of which is an old French melody, arranged by Gustav Holst. It is a dainty little work, the solo being taken

HOME FOOTBALL.**THE POINTS TO DATE.**

We gave on Monday the latest results in the English and Scottish "soccer" Leagues, first division. The points to date are:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Cardiff C.	19	11	1	7	29
Huddersfield	19	11	4	4	26
Aston Villa	21	8	4	9	23
Bolton W.	21	8	4	9	23
Sheffield U.	19	9	4	6	23
Everton	21	9	6	6	24
Sunderland	20	10	6	4	24
Newcastle U.	20	9	7	4	22
Blackburn R.	19	8	6	5	21
Notts C.	19	7	5	7	21
Tottenham H.	19	7	5	7	21
Manchester C.	19	8	6	5	21
West Brom A.	19	6	7	6	18
West Ham	19	5	7	7	17
Burnley	19	5	7	7	17
Liverpool	19	6	9	4	16
Arsenal	19	5	9	5	15
Notts Forest	19	5	10	4	14
Chelsea	20	3	10	7	13
Birmingham	20	3	10	7	13
Middlesboro	19	4	12	3	11
Preston N.E.	19	3	11	5	11

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—FIRST DIVISION.

Rangers	18	13	1	4	30
Celtic	19	9	2	8	25
Airdrieonians	19	9	4	6	24
Raith Rovers	19	9	5	4	22
Partick T.	19	9	7	3	21
Aberdeen	19	8	6	5	21
St. Mirren	19	7	5	6	20
Kilmarnock	18	7	6	5	19
Hearts	19	6	6	7	19
Hibernians	19	6	8	5	18
Clyde	19	6	8	5	17
Third Lanark	19	8	10	1	17
Dundee	18	6	8	4	16
Falkirk	19	5	9	5	15
Greenock M.	20	6	11	3	15
Queen's Park	18	6	10	2	14
Motherwell	18	6	10	2	14
Hamilton A.	18	6	10	2	14
Clydebank	19	5	10	4	14
Ayr United	18	4	8	6	14

by Mrs. Mathieson. The rest of the evening was occupied by Elgar's ballad "The Banner of St. George" in which Wensley's fine poem has been used. Elgar has written much better music than this, for it is somewhat dull and certainly uninspiring. In any case it was far too heavy for the resources of the local Society, the orchestra not being given a fair chance to be appreciated.

But it remains to be said that both chorus and orchestra tackled the work bravely, whilst Mrs. S. Collett, who sang the solos of Sabra, provided a real treat. She is a talented soprano of whom we should like to hear more.

At the conclusion of the evening both Mr. Bevan and those under him came in for a round of appreciative applause.

Those assisting last night were:

Sopranos: Miss M. Braga, Mrs. D. G. Brown, Mrs. G. A. Clements, Mrs. S. Collett, Miss Grant, Miss A. Green, Mrs. Groundwater, Miss C. Hansen, Miss Hendry, Mrs. F. J. Ling, Mrs. Luck, Mrs. Mime, Mrs. M. Minney, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Mow Fung, Miss D. O'Keefe, Mrs. Parramore, Miss D. Perkins, Miss E. A. Perkins, Mrs. W. A. Rundell, Mrs. C. C. Stark and Miss C. Wilmutt.

Altos: Staff Sgt. H. J. Best, R.E., Miss Burt, Mrs. J. G. Dick, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. J. H. Hearn, Mrs. A. Mackenzie, Mrs. Mathieson, Miss Nicholl, Miss J. Price, Mrs. J. B. Ross, Mrs. G. Stubblings, Mrs. M. Vinall and Mrs. M. J. Wilson.

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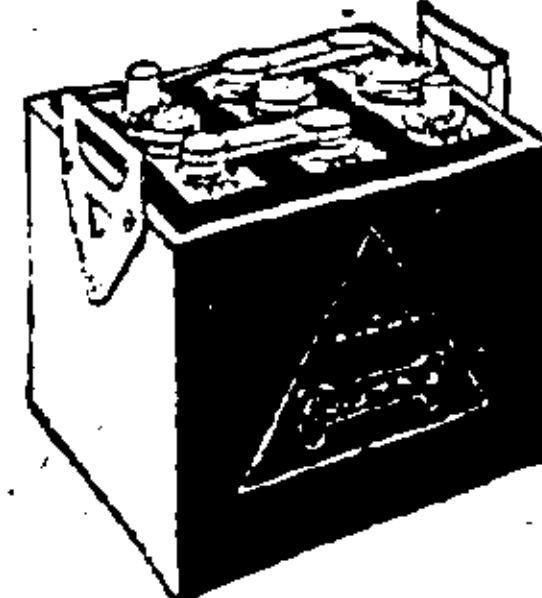
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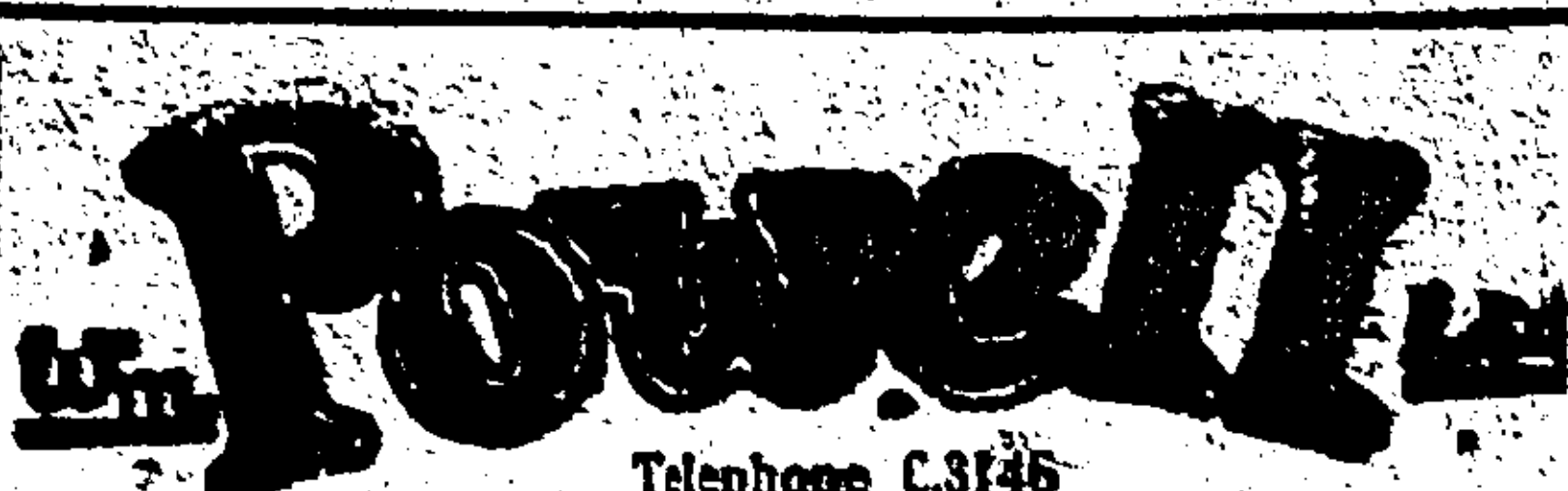
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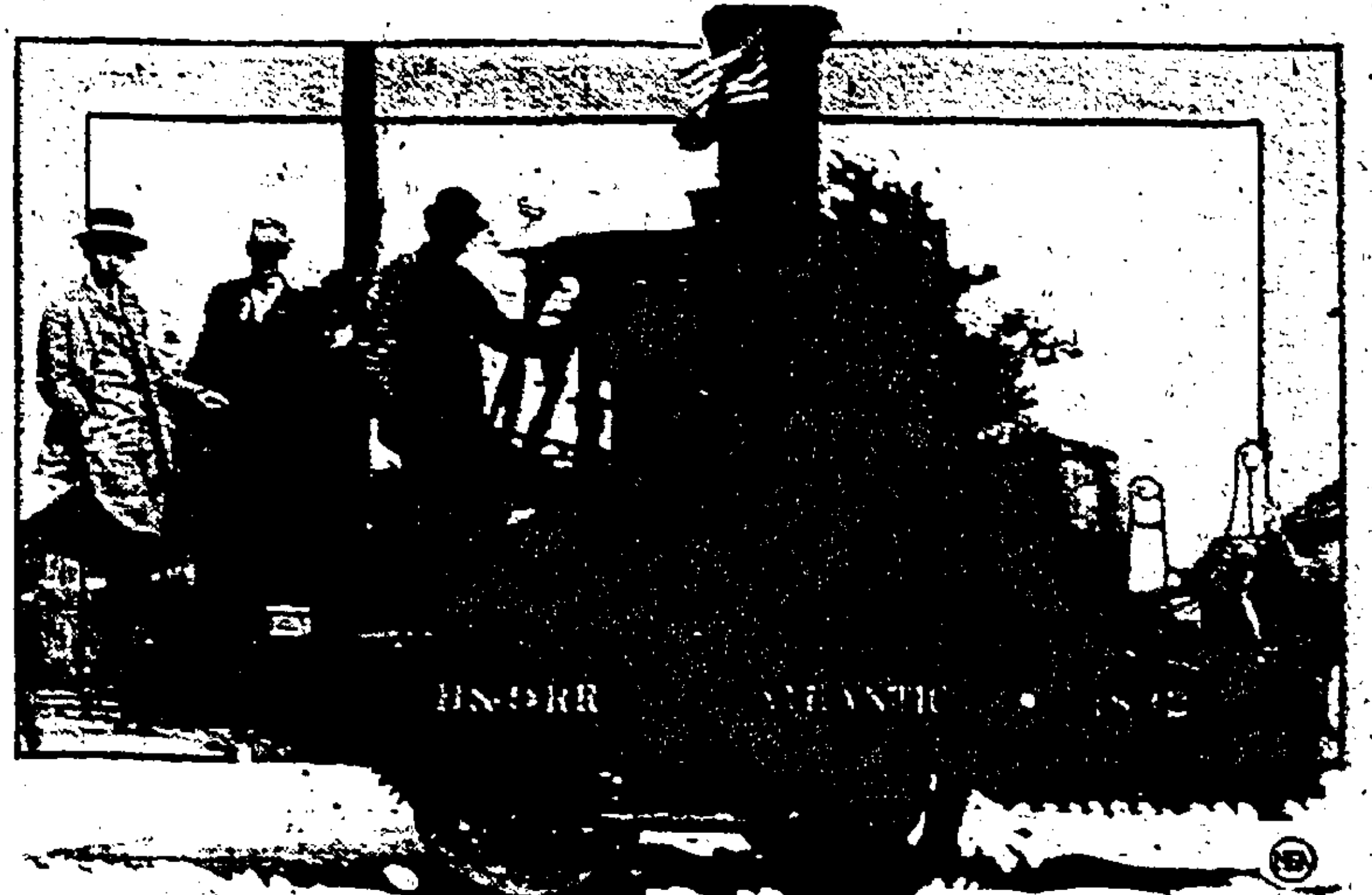
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AUSTRIAN JUDGES IN RAGS.

Dr. Friedrich Engel, the President of the Vienna Commercial Court and of the Union of Judges, has resigned the latter position, which he held for nearly ten years. To-day the average monthly income of the judges is from £6 to £8. It is true that there are certain judges in the highest positions who enjoy about double that income, but many receive even much less than the average. In an article Dr. Engel describes the misery among judges. There are cases in which, together with their wives and children, they suffer hunger; there are also cases of clothes literally falling to pieces, so that a benefactor had to dress one judge from head to foot.

RADIO NOTES AND NEWS.

The Sale of Wireless Apparatus.

At the present time there is somewhat of a lull in the demand for wireless apparatus, says the *Electric Times*, due to several causes which are not difficult to trace. Pending the publication of the report of the Broadcasting Committee, uncertainty prevails as to the future and would be users are holding back. With the summer weather and the attractions of outdoor sports, wireless entertainments do not appeal so readily to the householder, but with the coming of the dark evenings again there should be a spurt in trade, and retailers will be well advised to make arrangements for meeting it. Conditions in America and in England are different, but in the main the principles governing sales are the same, and we quote part of an article which appeared in the *Electric Times*, which contains some sound commonsense.

Radio sets and parts are comparatively quick-moving goods, says the writer. Compared to a number of other articles of merchandise they are inexpensive, can be well displayed and demonstrated, and a great deal of newspaper and magazine publicity helps to keep up the interest. In addition to these helps the actual broadcasting, which is continually improving, is a great seller of parts, equipment and complete sets. The dealer who is expecting to take advantage of all these various helps must be prepared to take care of the normal demand. The varieties in sets are so great that while the dealer cannot be expected to take down from his shelves the exact article asked for by every customer, yet he can fill practically all orders and sometimes persuade the customer to take something which he has in stock rather than go shopping elsewhere or wait till it can be ordered from the jobber.

Selling radio apparatus from hand to hand or practically on consignment will never make any profits for the dealer. Radio is one of those things, that gets the public quick and gets him hard. When he has had a pleasant evening's entertainment at his friend's home over the radio, he becomes fired with the desire to own a set himself and he can hardly wait till the stores open on the morrow. What will dampen his enthusiasm more quickly than to be told that the dealer is out of this and out of that, but that it can be ordered from the factory or jobber? In most every case the new radio fan will not leave the order but will go elsewhere where he can secure what he wants when he wants it.

True enough, new circuits and new forms of apparatus are coming out almost every day and little by little some of the older pieces of apparatus are going into the discard, but this change is a good deal slower than some people would have us believe. It takes many months to get new radio apparatus into production and many more months to get the right kind of distribution on it, and the general public demand extends over a long period, more than long enough for the dealer to stock a good supply to fill the popular demand.

Another thing, the introduction of new articles does not necessarily mean that the older types go into the discard. The introduction of the low-voltage dry-cell tubes, enormous as it was and

continuing as it has, has not by any means eliminated the 6-volt tubes from the market. There is still a brisk demand for the larger tubes and probably will always continue to be. The dry-cell tubes have simply cut their own place in the public demand and the older type tubes will keep right on going. There is ample profit to be made from both types.

Nor has the development of the vacuum tube, the new circuits and the new pieces of apparatus put the modest crystal set out of business. Dealers have always done a very fair business with crystal sets and parts, and beginners, youngsters, will probably always continue to start their radio careers with the crystal sets. There are even some developments that may make the crystal set a real factor in the world of radio reception.

It is quite impossible to make any suggestion as to the kind and quantity of stocks to be carried. Any suggestions would certainly not be applicable to all parts of the country. In sections within fifteen miles of a powerful broadcasting station crystal sets and parts should, of course, form a very substantial part of the stock. While it may not mean so much of an outlay in money as a corresponding stock of tube set parts and equipment yet it is goods that turn over rapidly and have a good margin of profit.

Tube sets and equipment should be carried in all cases, because there are always those who want to get out of the local field and into DX work. The unit sales of the tube set are greater and it is less trouble to sell a dollar's worth than with smaller and cheaper equipment.

The demand for transmitting apparatus will depend a great deal on how far radio enthusiasm has extended in the territory. The dealer can keep pretty close check on the demand by keeping an accurate record of all parts called for that are out of stock.

It is absolutely essential that the dealer keep up-to-date on new circuits. Some of these require special equipment or apparatus of certain specification, and the great publicity that is generally given a new circuit brings with it a corresponding demand for these particular parts. By keeping ahead of the times instead of behind the times the dealer will be able to reap the profits from these new developments.

BROADCASTING IN IRELAND.

It is reported that negotiations for the formation of a broadcasting company in the Irish Free State are proceeding satisfactorily. There is authority for stating that at least six companies are interested in the scheme, and it is likely that a company will be formed with which the firms now in conference with the Post Office will be associated. An official statement as to the progress of the negotiations may be expected within a week or two. It has already been laid down that the new broadcasting company shall have a guaranteed capital of not less than £30,000, and shall undertake the erection of a broadcasting station in Dublin with, possibly, relay stations at Cork and Limerick, the company taking all financial responsibility for the failure or success of the scheme. The board of directors will consist of seven members representing the constituent companies and the Post Office.

LACQUER WARE SECRET.

Process Defies Tests of Analysts.

Strange as it may seem, the process of manufacture of the beautiful Foochow lacquer ware which graces so many China homes still remains the secret of one man, the eldest brother of a family controlling the industry.

The existence of this family secret has been known for years, but it was thought that under examination by skilled foreign analysts it would give its secret. But, according to the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information Bulletin, such is not the case.

The artists of this Fukien port still jealously guard the secret of the process. The leader of the local industry, which is famous throughout the world, is Shen Shao-an, who is one of a number of eldest sons who have received the secret of mixing the paints from their fathers. After his

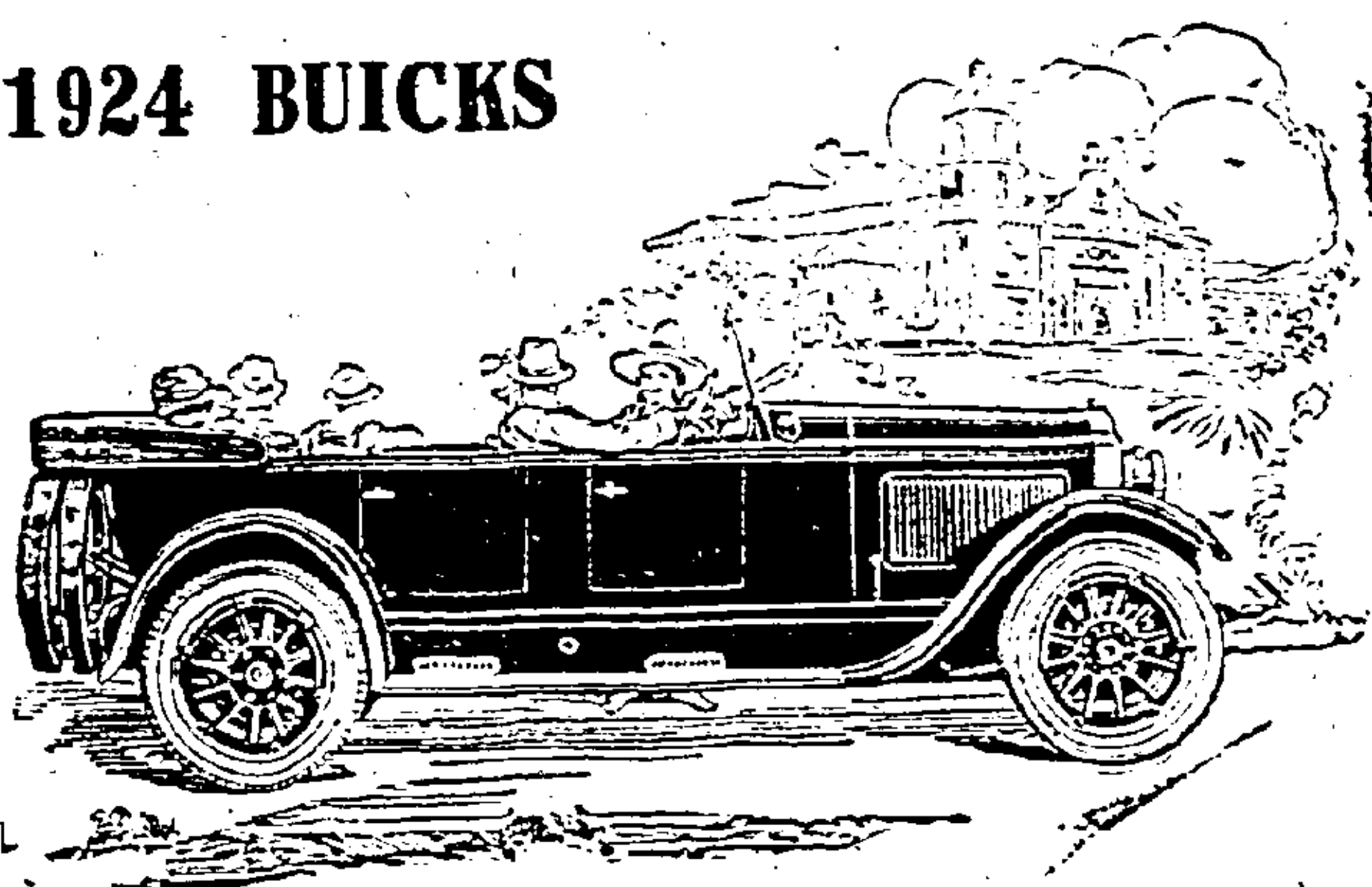
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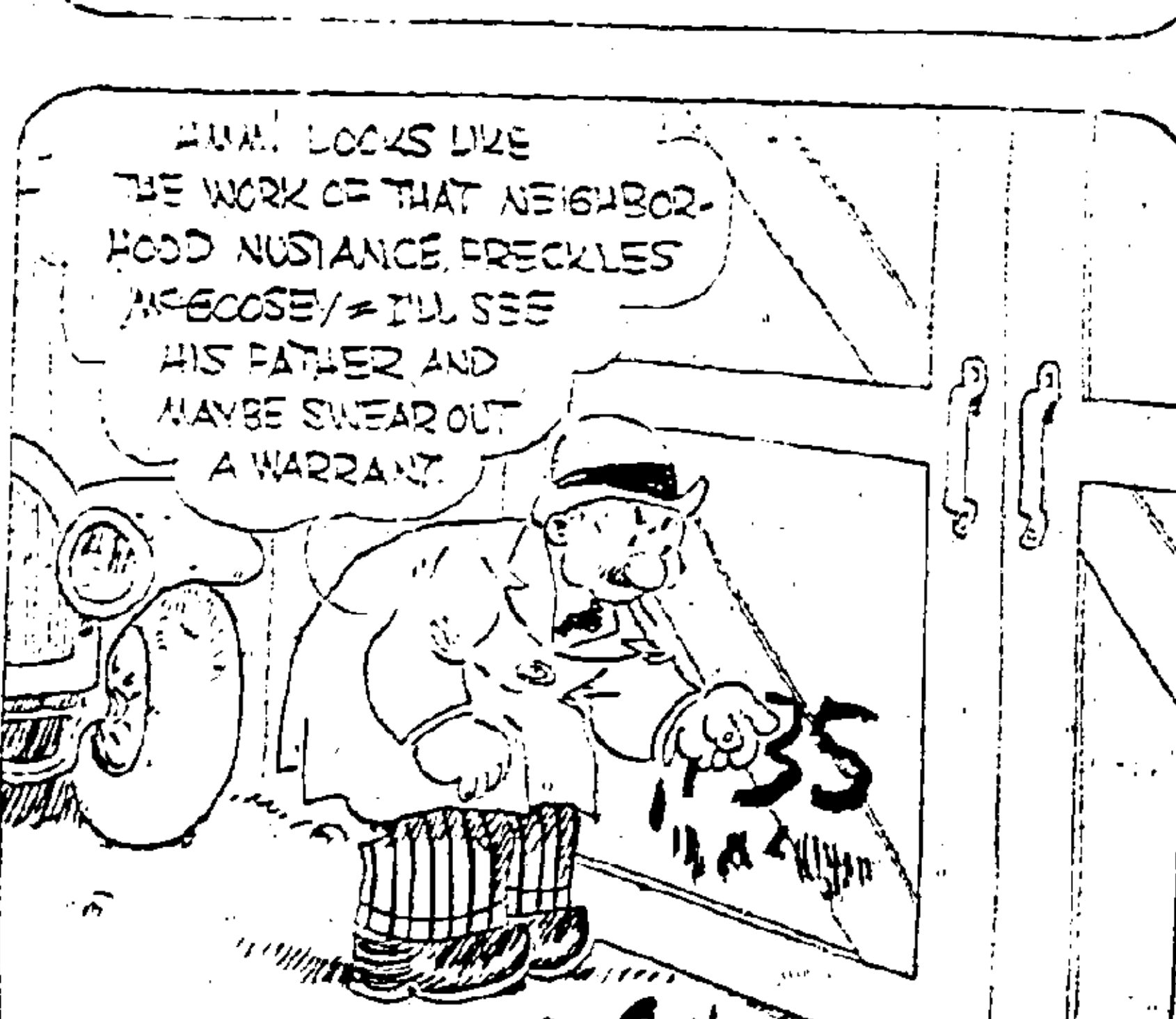
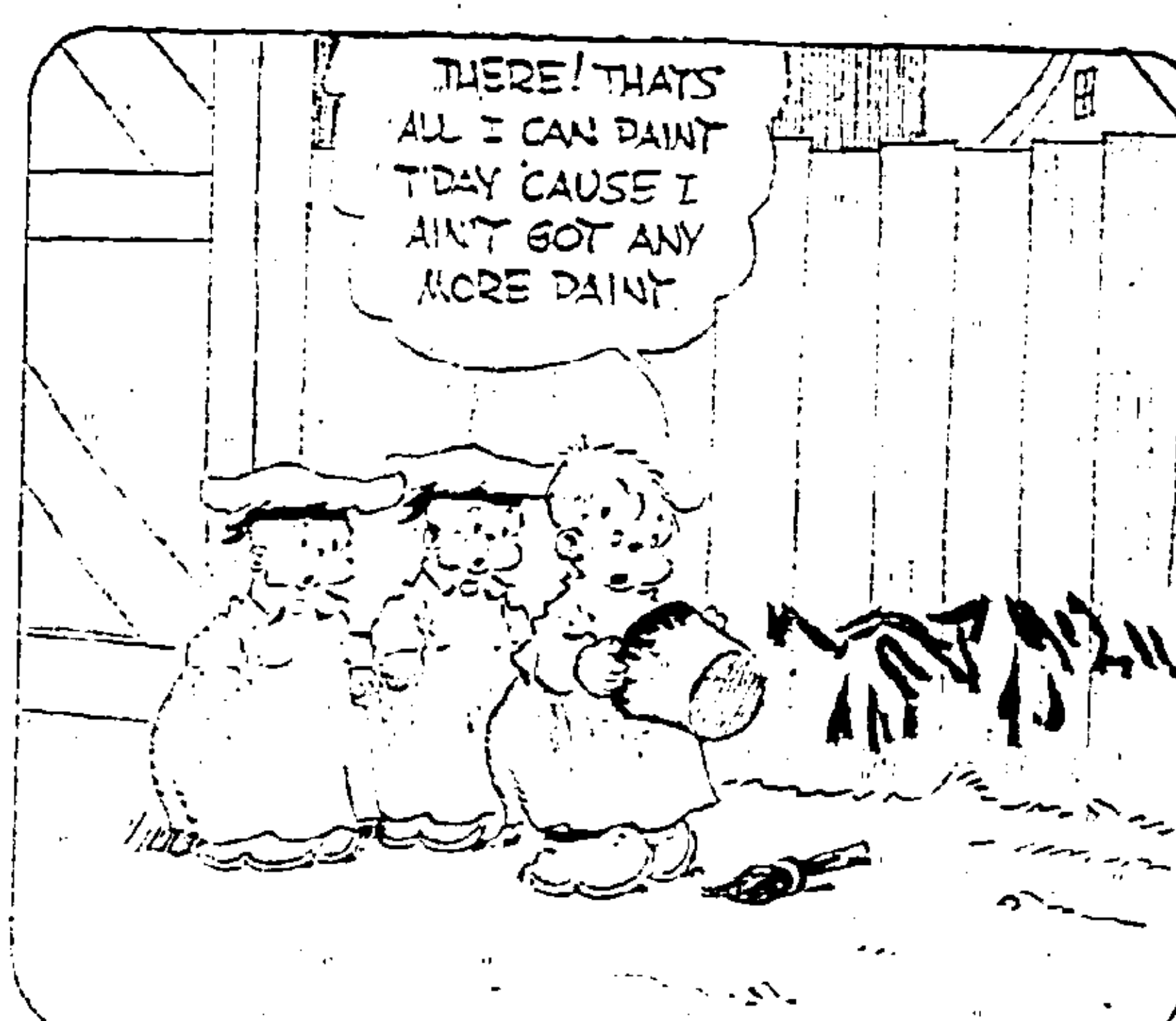
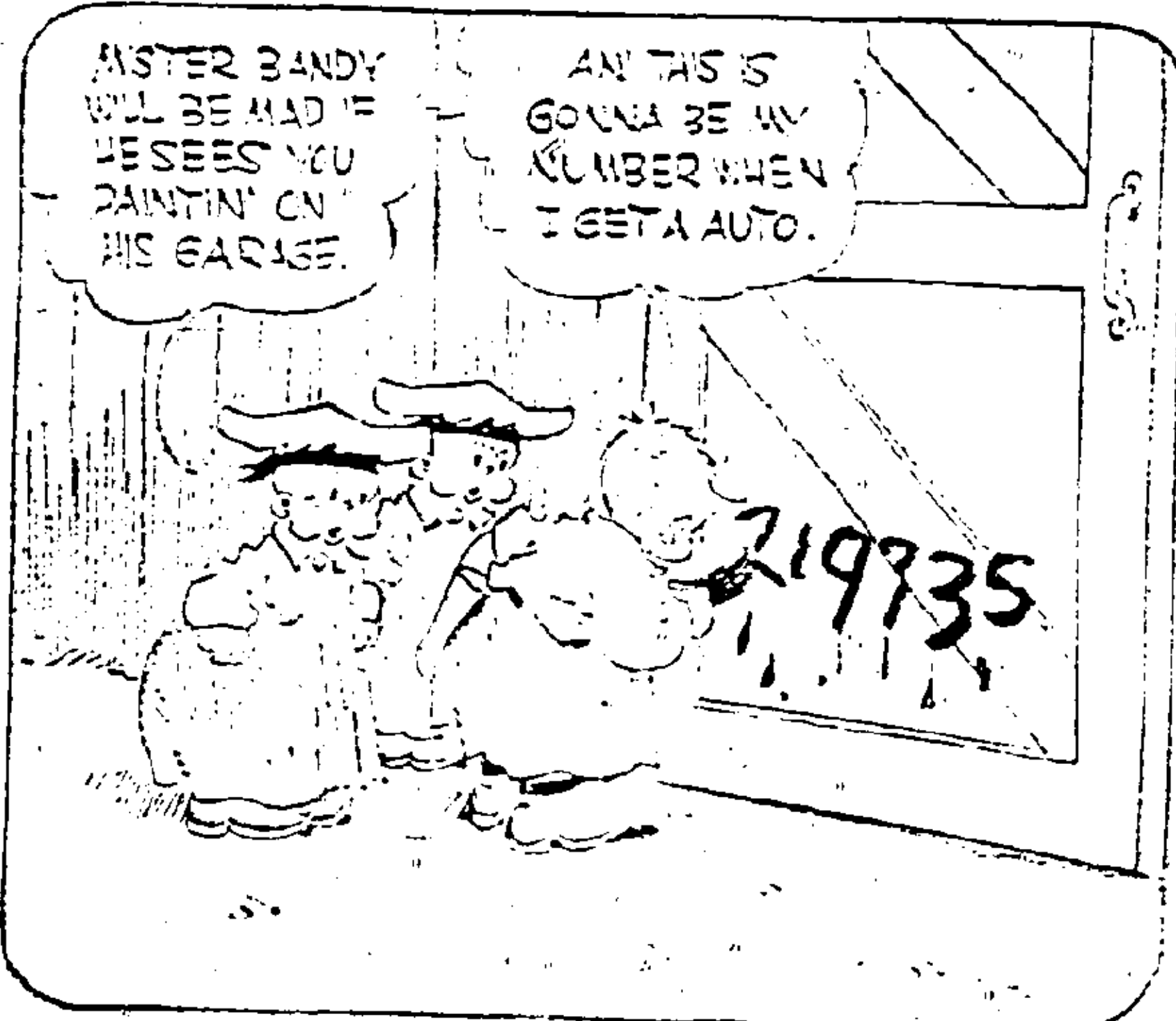
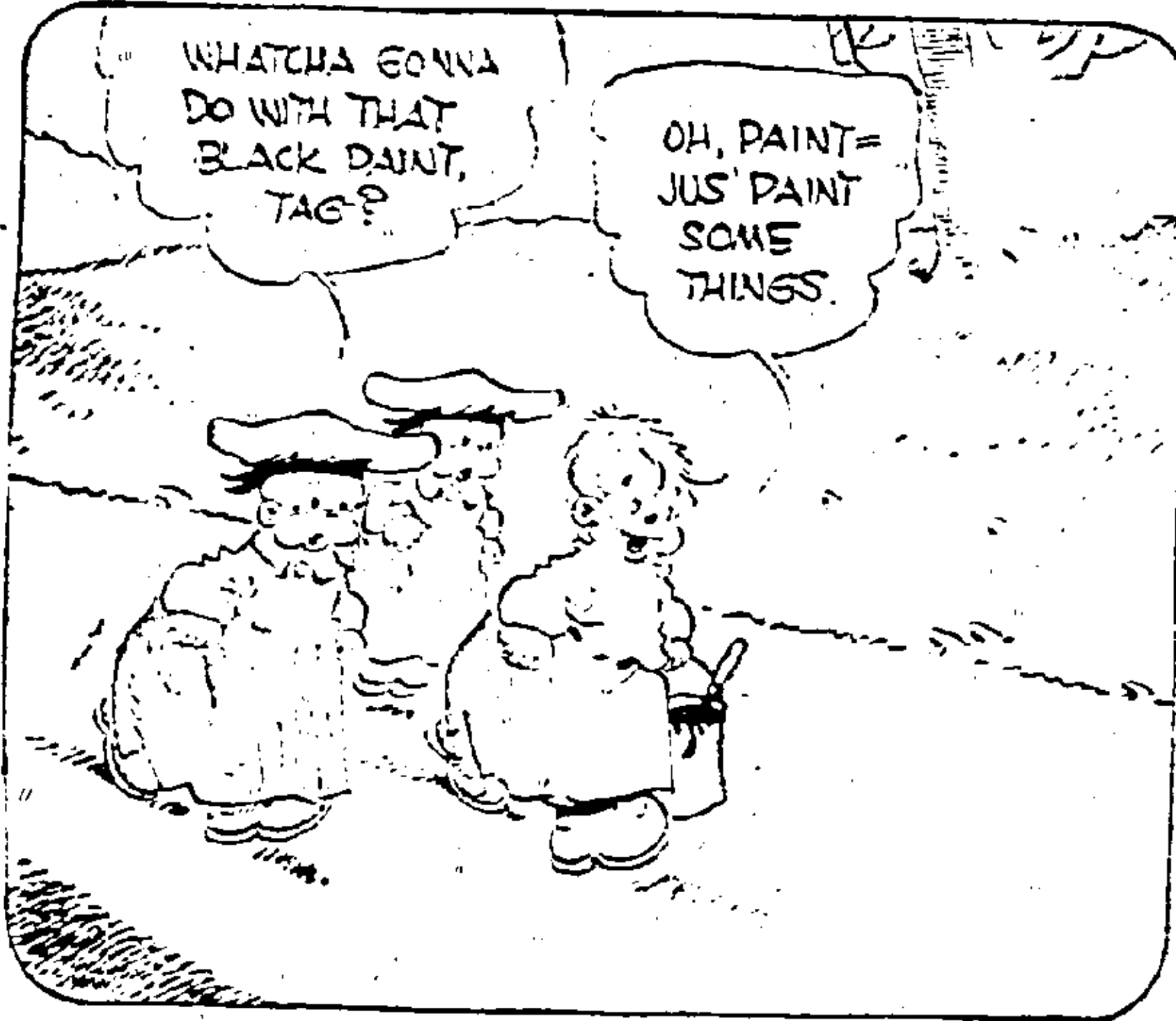
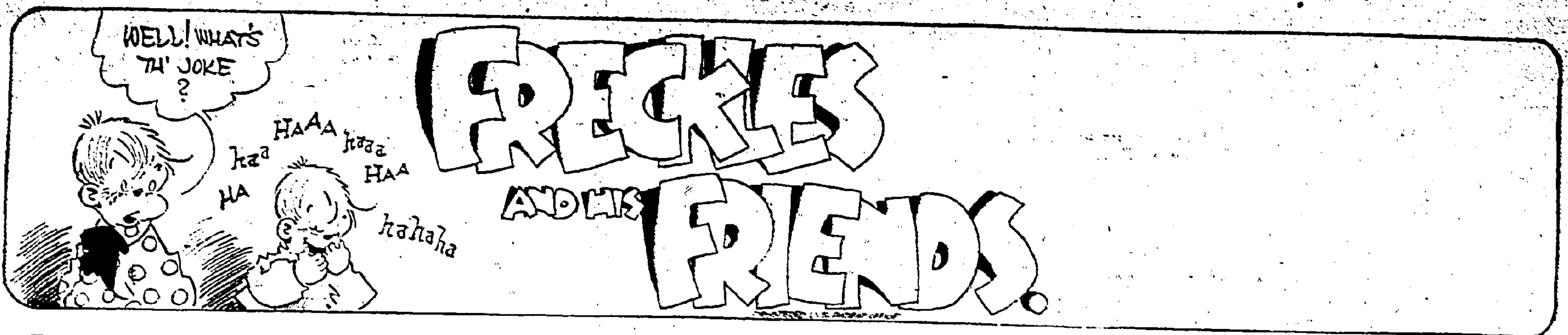
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EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Jan 25	25	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Jan 25	25
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EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Feb 22	22	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Feb 22	22
EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Feb 29	29	EXPRESS AUSTRALIA	Feb 29	29

Other Atlantic sailings every few days to Liverpool, Southampton, Glasgow, Antwerp, Oporto, & Hamburg. Allotments of cabins on Atlantic steamers held here and through tickets issued. Early reservation necessary.

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YAN	YAN	(Callings at Manila)	20,000 Jan. 17
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"MENELAUS"	11th Jan. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

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"DIOMED"	1st Jan. Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"TITAN"	20th Jan. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow
"CYCLOPS"	1st Feb. Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

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"PHILOCTETES"	4th Jan. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver
"TYNDAREUS"	31st Jan. Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver

NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)

"CALCHAS"	23rd Dec. via Suez & Boston
"PELEUS"	15th Jan. via Suez & Boston

PASSENGER SERVICE

"MENTOR"	7th Jan. for Shanghai
"PATROCLUS"	8th Jan. for Singapore, Marseilles & London
"MENTOR"	4th Feb. for Singapore & London
"TEIRESIAS"	11th Mar. for Singapore & London
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STEAMER	TONS	SAILING DATE	DESTINATION
"HOLSTEIN"		28th December.	Singapore, Belawan, Cebu, Port Said, Genoa, Ant p. R'dam, and Hamburg.
"SCHLESSEN"		18th January.	do.
"SARPERU"		First week in Feb.	do.

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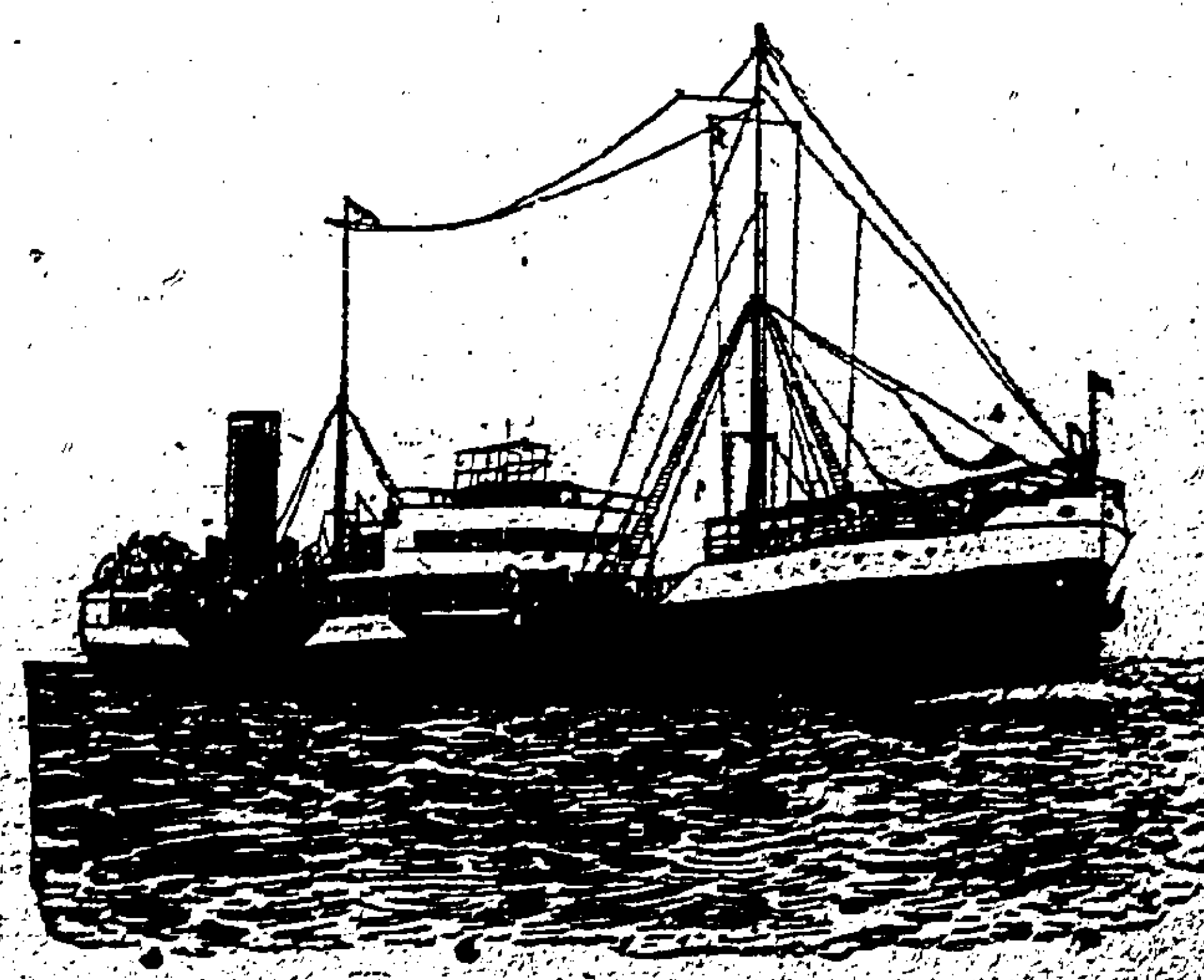
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SAILINGS TO EUROPE:

Steamers	For	Sailing on or about
ZOSMA	R'dam, A'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	1st Jan.
OLDEKERK	R'dam, A'dam, Hamburg, Bremen	2nd half Jan.
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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
KAISAR-I-HIND	11,430	29 Dec. noon	B'bay, M'les, L'don, A'werp
KHIVA	9,097	12th Jan.	M'les, London & Antwerp
SICILIA	6,813	19th Jan.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay
MACEDONIA	11,089	26th Jan.	B'bay, M'les, L'don, A'werp
KASHGAR	8,840	9th Feb.	M'les, London, & Antwerp
SOL DAN	6,696	13th Feb.	S'pore, Pang, C'bo & B'bay

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

YAKADA	6,949	27th Dec.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
YORILLA	5,305	22nd Jan.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFUEA	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Thurs. Is. Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	2nd Feb.	
EASTERN	4,000	27th Feb.	

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FORILLA	5,205	29th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASUGAR	8,840	29th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,097	12th Jan.	Shanghai
SICILIA	6,813	19th Jan.	Moji & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,098	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SOL DAN	6,696	1st Feb.	Shanghai

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GLENIFFER	27th Dec.	GLENAPP	29th Dec.
GLENBEG	14th Jan.	Glen, L'don, Hull, R'dam, H'burg	
GLENDA	28th Jan.	GLENARA	30th Jan.
WEMBROUESHIRE	7th Jan.	London, Rotterdam & H'burg	

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Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. arr. at Hongkong & sailing for S'hai Japan	Pro. sailing from Hongkong for M'les
CHAMBOARD	—	—	24th Dec.
PAUL LECAT	—	—	7th Jan.
ANDRE LEBON	16th Nov.	30th Dec.	21st Jan.
AMBOISE	30th Nov.	3rd Jan.	4th Feb.
CORDILLERE	14th Dec.	17th Jan.	18th Feb.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES.
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Steamers 2nd Class £68.0.0 Steamers 2nd Class £62.0.0

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KAGA MARU ... Tuesday, 8th Jan. at 11 a.m.

ITO MARU ... Monday, 28th Jan.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, etc.

ATSUTA MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Dec.

KASHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Jan.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.

TANGO MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Dec.

YOSHINO MARU ... Wednesday, 16th Jan.

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BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAWACHI MARU (Calling Delagoa Bay) Monday, 31st Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

YONOI MARU ... Sunday, 23rd Dec.

TAMBA MARU ... Friday, 28th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

CEYLON MARU ... Saturday, 22nd Dec.

AWA MARU ... Thursday, 3rd Jan.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Thursday, 10th Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

SUWA MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Dec.

BERBAN MARU ... Friday, 21st Dec.

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Destination	Steamer	Sailings
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MANILA via Swatow Wosang	Sat.	22nd Dec. at 11 a.m.
SANDAKAN via Swatow Wosang	Sat.	22nd Dec. at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wosang	Sun.	23rd Dec. at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via Swatow Wosang	Tues.	25th Dec. at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Wosang	Tues.	25th Dec. at 10 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Chipshing	Thurs.	27th Dec. at 10 a.m.
KOBE via Swatow Wosang	Thurs.	27th Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wosang	Fri.	28th Dec. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wosang	Sun.	30th Dec. at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via Hoihow Chipshing	Sun.	30th Dec. at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta via Swatow Wosang	Mon.	31st Dec. at 3 p.m.
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YOUTHFUL DRINKERS.

Several youths, seventeen years of age, were summoned at Atherstone last month under the new Act for falsely representing themselves to be eighteen years old for the purpose of obtaining intoxicants, for consumption on licensed premises. They admitted the offence. As these were the first prosecutions under the Act the magistrates imposed the mitigated penalty of five shillings and costs.

DISCUSSION AT SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon. There were present the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cross, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. T. M. G. O'Brien, Messrs S. W. Tso, Wong Kwong-tin and J. A. Fraser (Secretary).

Pursuant to notice Dr. Koch asked the following questions:

"Will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly inform the Board whether any supervision is exercised by officers of the Department over building operations in the Colony?"

"If no supervision has been hitherto exercised cannot some arrangement be made to exercise some supervision in view of the extensive prevalence of malaria and dengue?"

In reply to the first question the Medical Officer of Health said special visits had been made by Sanitary Inspectors to buildings in the course of construction in the Colony, and as a result 57 nuisances were discovered in such buildings this year. 74 of them being caused by the breeding of mosquitoes. Seven prosecutions were instituted and fines were inflicted by the Magistrate. Dr. Pearce said that the second question did not arise in view of his statement.

The Chairman said that though he agreed that the second question did not arise, he would like to say a little more. He would like to remind the Board that the main function for which the Sanitary Department was organized was to deal with notifiable and infectious diseases. He would be right in saying that it was originally a plague department pure and simple. At present four-fifths of the work of the Sanitary Inspectors were for the prevention of plague. In addition to that, and without a special supervision staff, the Department was now fighting against the most serious outbreak of small-pox the Colony had ever known. He would not say that the Department was not attempting to deal with malaria and dengue. Indeed the reply of the Medical Officer of Health proved to the contrary, but it was necessary to remember that these considerations should be given to more deadly diseases. There was a death roll of over one thousand from plague last year, and the death roll from small-pox during the last two and half months totalled about six hundred.

The policy as regards malaria could be taken as applying to dengue. As to dealing with mosquitoes, Mr. Sayer said that some months ago he assigned a small staff to make preliminary investigations in nullahs and swamps. As a result of representations to the Government it had been agreed that a joint survey by the Medical Officer of Health and the drainage authority be undertaken to evolve a regular scheme of work. The survey would have been started several weeks ago had not the small-pox epidemic intervened. The Board could never expect to eliminate domestic mosquitoes. This would involve door-to-door visits twice a week to every house in the Colony, a course not contemplated by the Board with the present staff, and indeed, with any staff.

In answer to Dr. Koch, the Chairman explained that only seven prosecutions were made out of the 57 cases of nuisances in respect of buildings in the course of erection because in the other cases the nuisances were attended to.

Dr. Koch said that while recognizing the necessity of preventing outbreaks of plague and other infectious diseases, he thought the scope of the Sanitary Board should be extended and attention given to insanitary places from which infectious diseases might arise. The rest of the business was purely of a routine nature.

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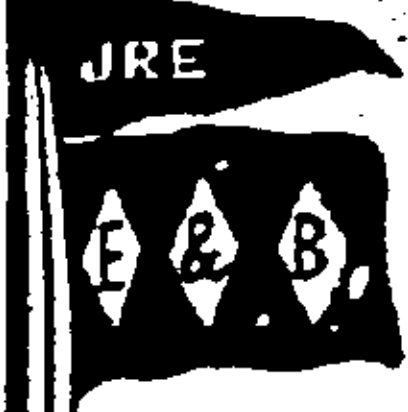
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Dec. 19, 11h. 25m. Pressure
changes are slight at all report-
ing stations.

The anticyclone conditions are
uncertain

Fresh to moderate monsoon
may be expected along the S.E.
coast of China and over the China
Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24
hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,
0.00 inch. Total since January
1st, 106.51 inches, against an
average of 82.66 inches.

**FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.**

District.	Forecast.
1 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
2 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooks	
3 Hkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh, fine.
4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan	

T. F. CLAXTON Director.
Hongkong, Dec. 19.

NOTICE

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 446.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for quarries", will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out of his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upper Annual Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Ab Kung Ngam No. 1	2.15	\$ 650.00	\$ 60.00
An Kung Ngam No. 2	.93	280.00	50.00
Too Tea Wan No. 1	1.84	200.00	50.00
Too Tea Wan No. 2	1.84	200.00	50.00
Sai To Wan No. 1	17.00	3,400.00	340.00
Sai To Wan No. 2	14.30	2,900.00	300.00
Lye Mun No. 1	1.46	290.00	50.00
Lye Mun No. 2	1.60	360.00	60.00
Lye Mun No. 3	1.90	440.00	50.00
Lye Mun No. 4	.30		
Lye Mun No. 5	3.52	700.00	70.00
Lye Mun No. 6	14.70	2,940.00	300.00
Lye Mun No. 7	10.39	2,080.00	200.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 1	6.92	1,380.00	140.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 2	9.17	1,830.00	180.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 3	11.46	2,290.00	230.00
Cha Kwo Liang No. 4	10.30	2,060.00	206.00
Niau Tau Kok No. 1	6.89	1,380.00	140.00
Niau Tau Kok No. 2	11.94	2,390.00	260.00
Niau Tau Kok No. 3	11.15	2,230.00	220.00
Niau Tau Kok No. 4	.87	1,130.00	110.00
Niau Tau Kok No. 5	1.87	370.00	50.00
Niau Tau Kok No. 6	3.58	716.00	70.00

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Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upper Annual Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Shaukiwan Lot No. 1	37.00	\$5,550.00	\$550.00
Shaukiwan Lot No. 2	40.38	6,060.00	600.00
Kowloon No. 1	11.10	4,440.00	450.00
Kowloon No. 2	7.04	2,820.00	280.00
Kowloon No. 3	4.00	1,600.00	160.00

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100 d/s. Sabah	101 1/2	100 d/s. Sabah	101 1/2
50 d/s. Sarawak	50 1/2	50 d/s. Sarawak	50 1/2
100 d/s. Sarawak	101 1/2	100 d/s. Sarawak	101 1/2
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100 d/s. Brunei	101 1/2	100 d/s. Brunei	101 1/2
50 d/s. Borneo	50 1/2	50 d/s. Borneo	50 1/2
100 d/s. Borneo	101 1/2	100 d/s. Borneo	101 1/2
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50 d/s. Philippines	50 1/2	50 d/s. Philippines	50 1/2
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100 d/s. Siam	101 1/2	100 d/s. Siam	101 1/2
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100 d/s. Laos	101 1/2	100 d/s. Laos	101 1/2
50 d/s. Vietnam	50 1/2	50 d/s. Vietnam	50 1/2
100 d/s. Vietnam	101 1/2	100 d/s. Vietnam	101 1/2
50 d/s. Thailand	50 1/2	50 d/s. Thailand	50 1/2
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